

WOMEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

JEHOSHEBA

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

Questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.

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1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **Queen Athaliah** has been helpful to you?

SECTION I: Read 2 Kings 11:1-3

2. What do you learn about Jehosheba and her husband? (See also **2 Chronicles 22:10-12.**)

3. a) Use the chart to identify significant details about Jehosheba's family tree.

Mother's/Stepmother's Side	Father's Side
Parent = Athaliah (See Lesson 21)	Parent = Jehoram 2 Chronicles 21:4-6
Grandparent = Ahab (and Jezebel) 1 Kings 16:30-33	Grandparent = Jehoshaphat 2 Chronicles 17:3-4

- b) Given that Jehosheba and wicked King Ahaziah were siblings in the same family tree, write a truth.
4. In what ways do you think Jehosheba's husband may have influenced her?
5. a) What character traits emerge as you reflect on Jehosheba's action?

5. b) What risks do you think were involved?

6. a) Where might God be calling you to take a courageous stand for Him or against evil?

b) What do you risk if you take this courageous stand? What are the consequences if you do nothing?

SECTION II: Read 2 Chronicles 24

7. Skim **2 Kings 11:4-21** regarding Joash's coronation. Take creative license to describe:

a) the investment Jehosheba and Jehoiada poured into Joash's life up to this point

b) what it would have been like for Joash to be raised in God's temple for six years

8. Read **V1-3**. What strikes you as interesting in:

V1 _____

V2 _____

V3 _____

9. Look for unique details from **V4-16** in the following people:

- King Joash
- Jehoiada
- Levites
- Officials and the people

10. Read the balance of the chapter, and comment on the "ugly" turn in Joash's reign, including his burial.

11. Despite the final “bad” chapter in Joash’s reign, much “good” was done through Jehosheba and Jehoiada saving and raising him.
- a) List the “good” highlights of his reign.

 - b) What was the eternal “good”? (See **2 Chronicles 21:5-7** with **Matthew 1:1,8**)
12. Even when it seems like evil is winning, God’s plan is not thwarted, and He is faithful to fulfill His promises. How does this truth minister to you in light of a challenge you are facing right now?
13. a) How are you specifically touched by Jehosheba, this aunt who rescued her orphaned nephew, Joash?
- b) Read **James 1:27**. In what ways can you be a modern day Jehosheba in the rescue or raising of a child that is not your own?
14. Write a prayer based on what inspired you most from Jehosheba’s story.

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Jehosheba risked and invested her life in Joash, her baby nephew.

1. What value does Jesus place on investing in children in **Matthew 19:13-14**?

2. Find parallels from this lesson with the following stories:
 - a) Esther and Mordecai (See the book of **Esther**, especially **2:7**.)

 - b) Samuel and Eli (See **1 Samuel 1:27-28, 2:11** and **26, 3:1** and **19-21**.)

 - c) Timothy and Paul (See **1 Timothy 1:2, 2 Timothy 1:2**, and **1 Corinthians 4:14-17**.)

3. Suggested Memory Verse: **James 1:27**

