**Usurping Vs: Empowering**

**Athaliah- The Queen of Israel**

**Vs:**

**Jehoida- The priest of Israel**

2 Chronicles 22

So the house of Ahaziah had no one to assume power over the kingdom.

**Athaliah Reigns in Judah**

10Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal heirs of the house of Judah. 11But Jehoshabeath,[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Chronicles%2022&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-11656d)] the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king’s sons who were being murdered, and put him and his nurse in a bedroom. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of King Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest (for she was the sister of Ahaziah), hid him from Athaliah so that she did not kill him. 12And he was hidden with them in the house of God for six years, while Athaliah reigned over the land.

 Ahab-----------------Jezebel

Athalia----------------------------Jehoram

 Ahaziah Jehoshabeath--------Jehoiada (Priest)

Athalia

 Joash (King at 7 years-old)

1. Characteristics of a power vacuum:
2. It will be filled.
3. Lack of masculine leadership results in a female having to take responsibility.
4. God’s plan comes through families.

23 In the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, *and made a* covenant with the captains of hundreds: (six of them) 2And they went throughout Judah and gathered the Levites from all the cities of Judah, and the chief fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.

3Then all the assembly made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said to them, “Behold, the king’s son shall reign, as the Lord has said of the sons of David. 4This *is* what you shall do: One-third of you entering on the Sabbath, of the priests and the Levites, *shall be* keeping watch over the doors; 5one-third *shall be* at the king’s house; and one-third at the Gate of the Foundation. All the people *shall be* in the courts of the house of the Lord. 6But let no one come into the house of the Lord except the priests and those of the Levites who serve. They may go in, for they *are* holy; but all the people shall keep the watch of the Lord. 7And the Levites shall surround the king on all sides, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whoever comes into the house, let him be put to death. You are to be with the king when he comes in and when he goes out.”

8So the Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. And each man took his men who were to be on duty on the Sabbath, with those who were going *off duty* on the Sabbath; for Jehoiada the priest had not dismissed the divisions. 9And Jehoiada the priest gave to the captains of hundreds the spears and the large and small shields which *had belonged* to King David, that *were* in the temple of God. 10Then he set all the people, every man with his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and by the temple, all around the king. 11And they brought out the king’s son, put the crown on him, *gave him* the Testimony,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Chronicles%2023&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-11668a)] and made him king. Then Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, “*Long* live the king!”

1. Contrast Athalia’s usurpation versus Jehoiada’s empowerment:

Athalia\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Jehoida

1. Characteristics of manhood:
2. Daring and risking,
3. Promoting others… especially the next generation,
4. Fighting in both realms,
5. Expecting nothing,
6. Confronting evil.

12Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people *in* the temple of the Lord. 13*When* she looked, there was the king standing by his pillar at the entrance; and the leaders and the trumpeters *were* by the king. All the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets, also the singers with musical instruments, and those who led in praise. So Athaliah tore her clothes and said, “Treason! Treason!”

14And Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds who were set over the army, and said to them, “Take her outside under guard, and slay with the sword whoever follows her.” For the priest had said, “Do not kill her in the house of the Lord.”

15So they seized her; and she went by way of the entrance of the Horse Gate *into* the king’s house, and they killed her there.

16Then Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, the people, and the king, that they should be the Lord’s people. 17And all the people went to the temple[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Chronicles%2023&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-11674b)] of Baal, and tore it down. They broke in pieces its altars and images, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

1. Application

9Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

10Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

11Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

12Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

13Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.