

## **JOASH – HIDDEN IN THE TEMPLE & BROUGHT FORTH IN GLORY**

This crisis in the lineage of David foreshadows the coming Messianic reign of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Although an heir to the throne of David, Joash was condemned to death by his wicked kinsman (Athaliah) and, in a figurative sense, he died.

Moreover, the true Heir to the Throne of David is now being "hidden in the house of God" until the "times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (like Athaliah's reign). At that precise moment He will be revealed to all as the true and rightful heir – the rightful King. (Luk.21:24).

The story of Joash's enthronement prophetically illustrates the coming Kingdom age. His subsequent appearance as the "only begotten son" and presentation as King was like the dead coming to life to the people of his day. They rejoiced and responded to the good tidings with: "God save the king" (II Chr.23:11)

When the 7th "year" begins since God's regent Adam lost the right to rule to the usurper, He will be brought forth – as little Joash was brought forth from hiding in the Temple of God – and crowned King of Kings amid the shouts and rejoicing of His people.

Indeed, even as all was divinely planned and organized through David (the father) in anticipation of the glorious reign of his son – from I Chronicles 23 through chapter 27 – all is planned and appointed for the coming reign of the King of Righteousness – the Prince of Peace becomes the King. All the particulars in these chapters are a foreshadowing, depicting the detailed purpose, preparation, and zeal of the Father to establish the Kingdom of His dear son.