**2 Kings**

*2 Kings 12 –How to Handle Transition Horribly*

Death of a Good Man

* Jehoida lived 130 years...indicating his birth in the 11th year of Solomon’s reign!
	+ Reheboam (17), Abijah (3), Asa (41), Jehoshaphat (25), Jehoram (8), Ahaziah (1), Athaliah (6)

Flattery of Opportunists

* Made obeisance
* Joash hearkened to them
* Matthew Henry – “Bad counselors got about him, and instead of condoling, congratulated him upon the death of his old tutor, as his release from the discipline he had been so long under, unworthy a man, a king.”

Leaving the House of the LORD God

* Served Groves and Idols
	+ NOTE: We will serve someone!
		- No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. (Matt 6:24)
	+ Be careful in our effort to be relevant that we do not serve groves and idols! God’s ways are the most relevant ways and never age (i.e. are not old fashioned).
* God’s Wrath Came Upon Them

God’s Compassion (v 19)

* Sent prophets….to bring them again to the LORD

The Message

* You Have Forsaken the LORD (v 20)
	+ How do you know when you have forsaken the LORD? You break (transgress) His commandments!
	+ God had forsaken them nationally. God will never forsake those that are His personally!
		- *Let your* conversation *be* without covetousness; *and be* content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. (Heb 13:5)
* You Cannot Prosper (v 20)
* You’ve Forgotten Jehoida’s Kindness (v 22)

The Response

* Kill the Messenger!
* They killed the man of God in the temple court! No sense of reverence for the house of God!
* Zechariah’s last words – “…the LORD look upon it, and require it!”

God’s Judgment

* Cannot Be Appeased with Money
	+ 17 ¶ Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath, and took it: and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem. 18 And Jehoash king of Judah took all the hallowed things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold *that was* found in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and in the king’s house, and sent *it* to Hazael king of Syria: and he went away from Jerusalem. (2 Kings 12:17-18)
* Cannot Be Stopped with Might
	+ Not only had God departed/forsaken them, he now fought against them!
* Sin Always Leads to Death