



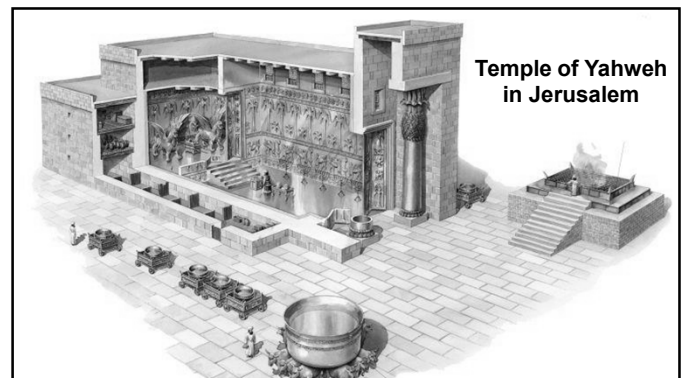
2 Kings 12

Jehoash was seven years old when he became king. In the seventh year of Jehu, Jehoash became king, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba. ² Jehoash did right in the sight of the LORD all his days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him. ³ Only the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

"High Places" in the Bible?



A generic designation of any shrine or cultic installation used for worship, both of Yahweh and foreign deities
(*illegitimate after the construction of the temple*)



Temple of Yahweh in Jerusalem

King Joash: A Mixed Review

2 KINGS 12:1-21

Joash: Mixed Review

1. Repairing the Temple

- displays his loyalty to Yahweh and his skillful rule as a king (*like Solomon*)
- signifies the priority and restoration of the worship of Yahweh

Joash: Mixed Review**2. Plundering the Temple**

- displays his lack of trust in Yahweh to deliver, and foreshadows coming disaster
- his demise at the hands of his own people is an ominous sign of disapproval

Application**1. Warning of Compromised Worship**

- compromise in one area of life will effect our trust of the Lord in other areas
- external service of the Lord may mask a “heart idolatry”

Application**2. Longing for a Better King**

- King Jesus – a king of unmixed character and uncompromised obedience
- a king who is a Savior – our perfect and eternal representative