

The Lamp Flickers But Stays Lit **II Kings 11**

Killing off of nearly all of David's dynasty (1-3)

- Athaliah is motivated by seeing the changing political landscape, note also II Chron. 22:9b. Is this about more than a thirst for power here?
- Recall God promised David an eternal dynasty (2 Sam. 7:12ff.)—a *lamp* (I Kgs. 11:3, 15:4), which is in jeopardy after so many recent deaths. Clearly Satan is hoping to make “God’s Word” about Messiah to fail.
- Jehosheba = sister of Ahaziah (Athaliah’s dead son) but different mom. = wife of Jehoiada, a priest, II Chron. 22:11.

Coup re-establishing the Davidic dynasty (4-16)

- Jehoiada is the brains behind the upcoming coup, and the elite palace guards (I Kgs. 14:27) and temple guards provide the needed muscle.
- “The testimony” (vs. 12) = copy of the cov., see Dt. 17:14-20.

Covenant made between God, the king, and the people (17-21)

- Covenant = fresh start concept, see 23:3, II Sam. 5:3, Josh. 24:14ff.
- Baal’s house (not David’s) ends up being destroyed—finally Baal worship brought in by Jezebel is out of both the north and south!



All this bloodshed, tragedy, and heartache in Judah—do you remember what is the cause for all of this?

God can and does at times intervene in dramatic fashion, but most often He uses very ordinary people to save the day. Make sure you make yourself available to be used by Him at the opportune time!