
2nd Chronicles Chapters 22 & 23

In his teaching, HIDDEN IN THE HOUSE, Mark Hanby uses the above scriptural reference to instruct and inspire the reader concerning the necessity of being hid with God. He powerfully demonstrates the desire of the Christ killing spirit to destroy the Seed of God. He further shows the saints that there is a place where relationship and maturity are formed. This hidden place allows us to grow into a place of authority in God's plan, free from the pull of personal agendas and religious systems. In this place we discover the One, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

This portion of Scripture lends itself to insight in the restoration of the Kingdom as well. The Kingdom was in the hands of unscrupulous leaders. God had pronounced judgment on the house of Ahab. A byproduct of this judgment, in the course of time was to be the restoration of a hidden Seed in the kingship of Joash. God's judgments always work toward the restoration of the righteous Seed.

In this day there is a Kingdom which shall be brought into manifestation. That Kingdom and those who are the Kings and Priests of that realm are hidden from the natural, religious world. While turmoil and confusion apparently reign, the Lord has been preparing a people hidden in the mystery of God and the Father and Christ.

(2 Chr 22:2-3 KJV) Forty and two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Athaliah the daughter of Omri. He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly.

Ahaziah was not just any age but forty two as in the 42 levitical cities of the Book of Numbers that were not cities of refuge or the 42 generations of Mathew or the 42 months of revelations. He reigned in Jerusalem; a type of the church. As his counselor he had his mother Athaliah; a type of a religious, Christ killing spirit, seeking only to propagate her survival and authority.

(2 Chr 22:7a, 22:10 KJV) And the destruction of Ahaziah was of God. But when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Judah.

God is in charge. There is nothing that happens that escapes His gaze. He is totally capable of bringing all His promises to pass. Even in seemingly destructive or troublesome events God is in control. Athaliah actually tries to kill all the royal Seed of her son's house. This religious spirit has tried to kill all the royal Seed of the Son of God bringing it into confusion and bondage. God has preserved a seed and kept it

hid. This Seed has and is going through a process which will lead to a restored Kingdom.

(2 Chr 22:11a KJV) But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bedchamber.

Jahoiada the priest and Jehoshabeath, Joash's aunt hid him in a bedchamber. The Kingdom Seed is hidden in a secret place of relationship with the King. It was Jesus who called this Seed, the children of the bridechamber. Those who are the priests of God are always concerned and protective of the next generation. A religious Athaliah spirit is only concerned with the present but the righteous are always protective of the future. There is always a voice that is willing to stand for the next generation being threatened with death by the religious system. Such was the case during the Apostolic age, such was the case during the reformation, such was the case at the time of the enlightenment and such is the case today.

(2 Chr 22:12, 2 Chr 23:1 KJV) And he was with them hid in the house of God six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land. And in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him.

These verses are typified by the six days of labor and the seventh day of rest. For six years Athaliah reigned over the Kingdom but in the seventh year the son of the King took his rightful position as King. (Rev 21:7 KJV) He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, (Jesus), and he shall be my son, (the royal Seed). It involved a plan, and a transition. Athaliah did not fade away quietly.

Historically we are entering the seventh thousandth year of man's existence. The seventh month when Israel celebrated the feast of Tabernacles speaks of this restored Kingdom where this feast becomes fulfilled, the people of God becoming tabernacled with Him. The feast is preceded by the feast of Atonement also in the seventh month. A struggle and reordering must always occur before any restoration.

(2 Chr 23:2-5 KJV) And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD hath said of the sons of David. This is the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you entering on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, shall be porters of the doors; And a third part shall be at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people shall be in the courts of the house of the LORD.

The restoration of the Kingdom must be preceded by an Atonement, At-One-ment. This day of afflicting the soul is to bring a singleness of purpose and relationship to those entrusted in bringing forth the remnant Seed – an At-one-ment with Christ. The priesthood was brought back into proper service and reordered before the Kingdom could be given to the rightful heir. During this time of trouble there was a

gathering together to King Joash at Jerusalem. (2 Thes 2:1-2a) Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled.

Those who desired to bring forth the King made a covenant. The chief of the father's came forth and the Levites were consecrated and ordered. This is the process of father/son order that is taking place today. There will be no Kingdom manifestation prior to the reestablishment of proper father/son order.

The priests and Levites were divided into three groups that ministered to three specific areas. One group to foundations, another at the entrance and another at the house of the king. The Body of Christ has really never learned the uniqueness of ministry. We are not to be clones of one another but of Him. The preaching, witnessing, and nurturing is not all there is to ministry. The priesthood was divided into thirds: note the use of thirds in Revelations chapters eight and twelve. This was the establishment of a plan of ministry. Not everybody does the same things but all parts must work together in proper order if we are to achieve the whole.

To bring forth the restoration of the Kingdom we need to have those who lay and minister in foundational things. To these must be added those who minister at the doors providing entrance to all who are called and denying entrance to those who would seek the destruction of the King and His Kingdom. And then there are those who minister at the house of the King. These are servants whose ministry may never be noticed except by the King to whom they minister. This all occurred on the Sabbath, the seventh day, the day of the restoration of the Kingdom.

(2 Chr 23:10 KJV) And he set all the people, every man having his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and the temple, by the king round about.

The temple of God is made secure. (1 Cor 3:16a KJV) Know ye not that ye are the temple of God? The priests and Levites have been prepared and armed and committed to protect the temple.

(2 Chr 23:11 KJV) Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and gave him the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, God save the king.

Jesus is already the King but it is up to each individual to make Him King over them personally. The King's son is going to be brought forth to reign not only as priests but kings as well.

(2 Chr 23:12,13 KJV) Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the LORD: And she looked, and, behold, the king stood at his pillar at the entering in, and the princes and the trumpets by the king: and all the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded with trumpets, also the singers with instruments of music, and such as taught to sing praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, Treason, Treason.

Three times a year Israel was to be gathered together before the Lord at Jerusalem, Exodus 34:21,22 KJV). As mentioned previous the final gathering occurred in the seventh month and included the Feast of Trumpets, Atonement and Tabernacles. What got Athaliah's attention was the noise of the people coming from the House of the Lord. There were trumpets, and singing and rejoicing and praise. The King's son had ascended to his rightful place and she was mad. Did she submit to the King or beg his forgiveness, no but accused the son and the attendants and the people of treason, which was her own crime.

The religious spirits are not happy that the King's son will assume his rightful place at the head of an ordered Kingdom and a worshipful people. She will not easily yield her stolen authority to the rightful heir but will be powerless to stop it.

(2 Chr 23:21 KJV) And all the people of the land rejoiced: and the city was quiet, after that they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

The Athaliah spirit and the Baal system she promoted will be destroyed by the people of God. This destruction will not come by natural means but as the people use the sword, which is the word of God. This will bring peace and rejoicing to the land.

Jahoiada and those who gathered around him to place the Kingdom into the hands of the King's son, were holy - they were ordered with a plan, a covenant and a willingness to take the Kingdom by force from Athaliah. (Mat 11:12 KJV) And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. So it will be with the people of God in our day who usher in the Kingdom, not by natural force but by a great and mighty spiritual force.

There are five specific scriptural keys to the Kingdom of God and seven scriptural conditions of entrance to the Kingdom. The next issue of the Bloodline will cover these seven conditions.

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