



SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2020

Adventures in Kings

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Preparation

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Call to Worship

Song

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God – #3

Prayers of the People

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

New Testament

Luke 2:1-7

Message

Rev. Keith Fink

The Lady Who Saved Christmas

2 Kings 11:1-17a

WE CELEBRATE AT GOD'S TABLE

Sacrament of Communion

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

Song

Amazing Grace

Benediction

Benediction Response

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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The Lady Who Saved Christmas*
2 Kings 11:1-17a

Question: Where is God when all seems lost?

I. A Murderous Power Grab - vs. 1

~ when all seemed lost

II. A Six Year Hiding Place - vs. 2-3

~ when everything was hanging by a thread

III. A Coming Out Party - vs. 4-17a

~ God's plans moved forward

Answer: He is still working out his purpose and he will carry it on to completion. So, when hope is hanging by a thread, or even when all seems to be lost, know that God has not failed in his purpose.

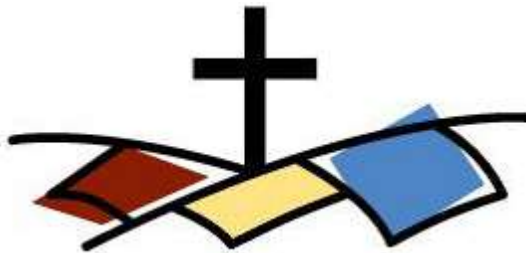
...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6

Point to Ponder: When are we tempted to think that God's purpose is lost? Let's pray that God would use those times to grow our trust in him and not in the circumstances of this world.

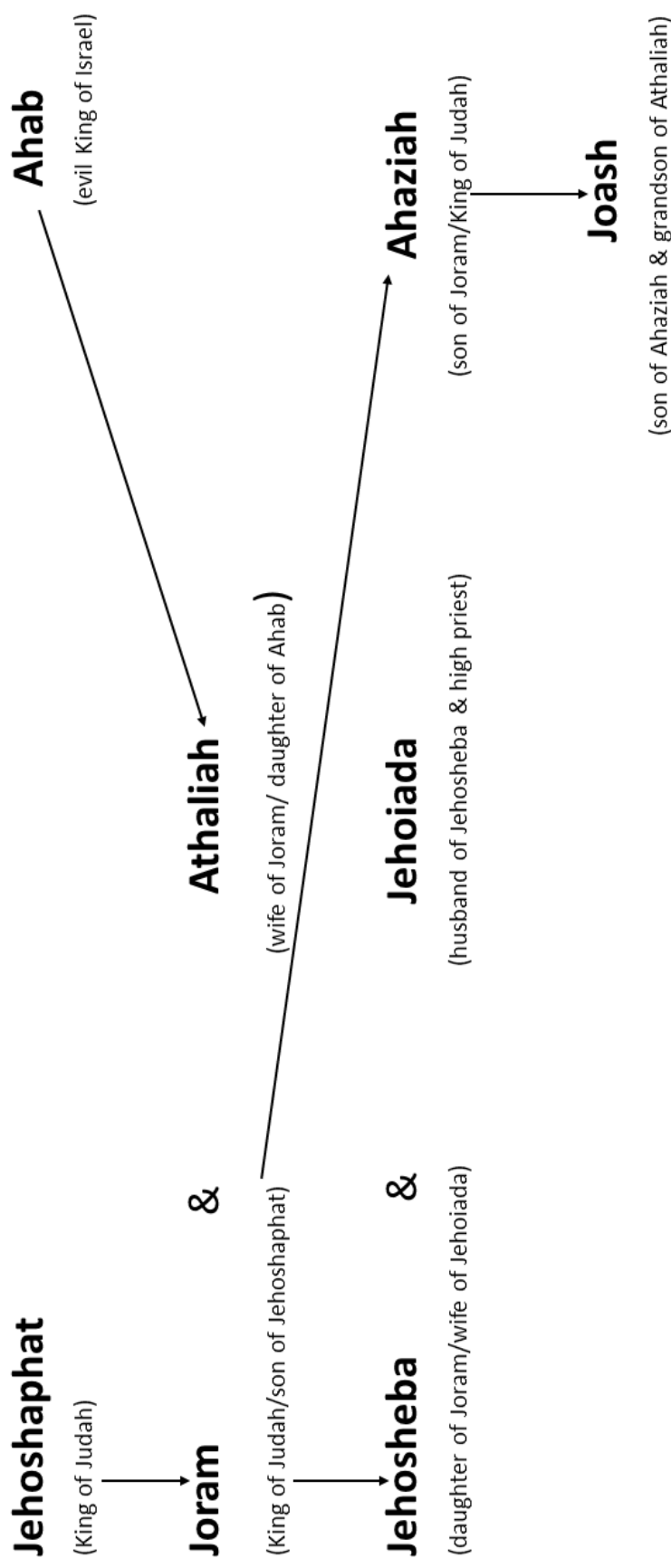
Next Week:

We will continue our sermon series *Adventures in Kings* by looking at the text of **2 Kings 12:1-21** *Failing to End Well*.

* Title is taken from Davis in: *2 Kings Power and Fury*



2 Kings 11:1-17



A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow'r are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side
The Man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be
Christ Jesus it is He
Lord Sabaoth His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

And tho' this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph thru us
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

That word above all earthly pow'rs
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thru Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

Words and music by Martin Luther, 1529; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1852; based on Psalm 46

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

Words by John Newton, 1779 (st. 4 unknown)
Traditional American Melody