

SECOND MAN PRINCIPLES

LESSON 15(ABC)

READ 2 CHRON. 23 AND 24

Using the underlined words and sentences, explain the characteristics and role of the second man in the context of an autonomous church.

2 Chr 23:1-24:23

1 In the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and made a covenant with the captains of hundreds: Azariah the son of Jeroham, Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, Azariah the son of Obed, Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri.

2 And they went throughout Judah and gathered the Levites from all the cities of Judah, and the chief fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.

3 Then all the assembly made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said to them, "Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD has said of the sons of David."

4 "This is what you shall do: One-third of you entering on the Sabbath, of the priests and the Levites, shall be keeping watch over the doors;

5 "one-third shall be at the king's house; and one-third at the Gate of the Foundation. All the people shall be in the courts of the house of the LORD.

6 "But let no one come into the house of the LORD except the priests and those of the Levites who serve. They may go in, for they are holy; but all the people shall keep the watch of the LORD.

7 "And the Levites shall surround the king on all sides, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whoever comes into the house, let him be put to death. You are to be with the king when he comes in and when he goes out."

8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. And each man took his men who were to be on duty on the Sabbath, with those who were going off duty on the Sabbath; for Jehoiada the priest had not dismissed the divisions.

9 And Jehoiada the priest gave to the captains of hundreds the spears and the large and small shields which had belonged to King David, that were in the temple of God.

10 Then he set all the people, every man with his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and by the temple, all around the king.

11 And they brought out the king's son, put the crown on him, gave him the Testimony, and made him king. Then Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said,

"Long live the king!"

12 Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people in the temple of the LORD.

13 When she looked, there was the king standing by his pillar at the entrance; and the leaders and the trumpeters were by the king. All the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets, also the singers with musical instruments, and those who led in praise. So Athaliah tore her clothes and said, "Treason! Treason!"

14 And Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds who were set over the army, and said to them, "Take her outside under guard, and slay with the sword whoever follows her." For the priest had said, "Do not kill her in the house of the LORD."

15 So they seized her; and she went by way of the entrance of the Horse Gate into the king's house, and they killed her there.

16 Then Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, the people, and the king, that they should be the LORD'S people.

17 And all the people went to the temple of Baal, and tore it down. They broke in pieces its altars and images, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

18 Also Jehoiada appointed the oversight of the house of the LORD to the hand of the priests, the Levites, whom David had assigned in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as it is written in the Law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, as it was established by David.

19 And he set the gatekeepers at the gates of the house of the LORD, so that no one who was in any way unclean should enter.

20 Then he took the captains of hundreds, the nobles, the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought the king down from the house of the LORD; and they went through the Upper Gate to the king's house, and set the king on the throne of the kingdom.

21 So all the people of the land rejoiced; and the city was quiet, for they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

CHAPTER 24

1 Joash was seven years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba.

2 Joash did what was right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

3 And Jehoiada took two wives for him, and he had sons and daughters.

4 Now it happened after this that Joash set his heart on repairing the house of the LORD.

5 Then he gathered the priests and the Levites, and said to them, "Go out to the cities of Judah, and gather from all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that you do it quickly." However the Levites did not do it quickly.

6 So the king called Jehoiada the chief priest, and said to him, "Why have you not required the Levites to bring in from Judah and from Jerusalem the collection, according to the commandment of Moses the servant of the LORD and of the assembly of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness?"

7 For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken into the house of God, and had also presented all the dedicated things of the house of the LORD to the Baals.

8 Then at the king's command they made a chest, and set it outside at the gate of the house of the LORD.

9 And they made a proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem to bring to the LORD the collection that Moses the servant of God had imposed on Israel in the wilderness.

10 Then all the leaders and all the people rejoiced, brought their contributions, and put them into the chest until all had given.

11 So it was, at that time, when the chest was brought to the king's official by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, that the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it and returned it to its place. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.

12 The king and Jehoiada gave it to those who did the work of the service of the house of the LORD; and they hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the LORD, and also those who worked in iron and bronze to restore the house of the LORD.

13 So the workmen labored, and the work was completed by them; they restored the house of God to its original condition and reinforced it.

14 When they had finished, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada; they made from it articles for the house of the LORD, articles for serving and offering, spoons and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Jehoiada.

15 But Jehoiada grew old and was full of days, and he died; he was one hundred and thirty years old when he died.

16 And they buried him in the City of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God and His house.

17 Now after the death of Jehoiada the leaders of Judah came and bowed down to the king. And the king listened to them.

18 Therefore they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served wooden images and idols; and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem because of their trespass.

19 Yet He sent prophets to them, to bring them back to the LORD; and they testified against them, but they would not listen.

20 Then the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, who stood above the people, and said to them, "Thus says God: 'Why do you transgress the commandments of the LORD, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, He also has forsaken you.'"

21 So they conspired against him, and at the commandment of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of the LORD.

22 Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but killed his son; and as he died, he said, "The LORD look on it, and repay!"

23 So it happened in the spring of the year that the army of Syria came up against him; and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the leaders of the people from among the people, and sent all their spoil to the king of Damascus.

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ANSWERS – ABC 5 SECOND MAN PRINCIPLES

After the death of Ahaziah, Athaliah killed the royal heirs and usurped the throne. Jehoshabeath, wife of Jehoiada the priest, hid Joash, the heir to the throne and thus secured the Davidic lineage.

JEHOIADA PICTURES THE SECOND MAN IN LEADERSHIP, WHO ESTABLISHES THE SET MAN POSITION(JOASH) AND SUPPORTS HIM FOR LIFE. The second man position is neither an interim position nor a "stepping stone" to a set man position. It is a call for life.

In Jehoiada we see characteristic features and the role of the second man. King Joash is here a picture of a legitimate set man of the lineage of David.

1. In the seventh year

Seven is the number of rest. For a church to reach rest(uninterrupted flow, absence of strife/friction) a Jehoiada grace is essential. Jehoiada was a priest. He pictures a priestly anointing that brings governmental rest into the church.

Jehoiada strengthened himself

Jehoiada empowered himself. He moved to a position of strength. There is nothing wrong with personal empowerment and prosperity. Personal empowerment leads to influence. Jehoiada used his influence for God's kingdom. He served Joash from a position of strength. He did not need Joash to strengthen him.

made a covenant with the captains of hundreds: Azariah the son of Jeroham, Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, Azariah the son of Obed, Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri.

Jehoiada covenanted with other sons. He empowered the kingdom of Judah through sonship. Local church is not based on membership but on sonship. It is easy to covenant with your own sons. Jehoiada covenanted with other sons - those raised under someone else's ministry or non-biological sons. In an autonomous house there will always be sons who leave and "other sons" who come in.

Sons submit, take ownership of the set man's vision, honour and protect the set-man. The second man must bring in "other sons".

Jehoiada covenanted with 5 sons. This is a prophetic picture of the five-fold ministry operating in a local church. A Jehoiada grace is essential to establish the five-fold ministry in a local church, because this grace ensures set man security. Some set-men are afraid of the five-fold ministry operating in their local churches, because of a fear of having their positions undermined.

gathered the Levites from all the cities of Judah, and the chief fathers of Israel

Jehoiada established team ministry. He tapped into the benefits of association. He moved from personal empowerment to leadership empowerment. He brought Levites and fathers into the house. This grace brings spiritual maturity into the house. The purposes of God need spiritual maturity. You need sons and fathers in the same house. This grace joins 2 generations into the house.

all the assembly made a covenant with the king

When Jehoiada's position was strengthened by the fact that he had brought fathers and sons into the house, he did not cause a split or usurp authority but created a platform for the assembly to make a covenant with the king.

The second man must create a platform for the people to covenant with the set man.

"Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD has said of the sons of David.

The covenant was purposeful – to establish what the Lord had said. The word of the Lord decreed that the sons of David should rule. The word of the Lord needs a man for it to be fulfilled – Cornelius needed Peter, Onesimus needed Paul, Paul needed Barnabas. Jehoiada positioned himself to establish God's will. He saw God's plan and worked to establish it. Joash was the will of God for leadership – Jehoiada established it. He worked hard to establish someone else's ministry. Joash was still a child, but the call to be king was upon him alone. Jehoiada's ministry was to establish someone else's ministry.

The second man, establishes the position of the first man – the set man whom God has sent.

7. 4 ...One-third of you entering on the Sabbath, of the priests and the Levites, shall be keeping watch over the doors;
- 5 "one-third shall be at the king's house; and one-third at the Gate of the Foundation. All the people shall be in the courts of the house of the LORD.
- 6 "But let no one come into the house of the LORD except the priests and those of the Levites who serve. They may go in, for they are holy; but all the people shall keep the watch of the LORD.

The church is not a pile of bricks, but a building which is the habitation of God. For the building to be God's habitation, the bricks must be accurately positioned. Jehoiada positioned the people accurately for function. When this grace is present in a church people are accurately positioned in their callings.

"And the Levites shall surround the king on all sides,

Jehoiada ensured that the leader was protected on all sides. This grace ensures set man protection. An accurate second man ensures that his set man is protected on all sides.

- 9 And Jehoiada the priest gave to the captains of hundreds the spears and the large and small shields which had belonged to King David, that were in the temple of God.

Jehoiada empowered the people. He placed the weapons of David in the hands of the People. David's weapons, needs to be in the hands of the people. King Joash did not do this – Jehoiada did this. This is symbolic of corporate empowerment through worship, word and warfare – David's weapons.

The second man must be committed to equipping the people.

they brought out the king's son, put the crown on him, gave him the Testimony

10.1 THE PEOPLE PUT THE CROWN ON KING JOASH

Under a Jehoiada grace, the people released the crown to its rightful place. Authority moved from the people to the set man. Our churches must move from a congregational mentality to a theocratic mentality. Authority in vision and direction for a church must be surrendered to the set man. Jehoiada created a culture for this to happen.

The second man must bring the people to this position.

THE PEOPLE GAVE THE TESTIMONY TO KING JOASH

The testimony is equal to the word of the Lord. How can a congregation give the set man the word of the Lord, if we say he is the man with the word from the lord?

Most set men are too busy with the demands of the people for weddings, thanksgivings, birthdays and funerals. Thus the word of the Lord is choked. In a Jehoiada culture, the congregation release the set man to give himself to prayer and the word. The maintenance activities are delegated to others.

IN A JEHOIADA CULTURE THERE IS CLEAR RECOGNITION BY THE CONGREGATION FOR THE SET MAN TO WAIT UPON GOD.

Acts 6:3-4

- 3 "Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;
- 4 "but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

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"Long live the king!"

Jehoiada wanted the king to live long.

This grace is committed to set man longevity. There is no desire to take over.

A good second man does not wish for the death of his set man so that he can take over.

So Athaliah tore her clothes and said, "Treason! Treason!"

The changes implemented by Jehoiada(reformation), exposed Athaliah.

When a Jehoiada grace is present, governmental demons come running out.

The second man, must carry this anointing to expose governmental demons in the church.

13. So they seized her; and she went by way of the entrance of the Horse Gate into the king's house, and they killed her there.

Jehoiada infused a corporate mentality, to dismantle illegitimate structures. Joash did not have to deal with Athaliah – the people did this, because of Jehoiada's influence.

The second man must influence the people to deal with Jezebel, Athaliah, Korah etc.

14. Then Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, the people, and the king, that they should be the LORD'S people.

Jehoiada ensured that the people kept their focus on the king of kings. He protected the people from making their leader an object of worship. He brought all the people, including the king, to a position where the sovereignty and lordship of God was recognized. He ensured through covenant that everyone recognized that they belonged to God.

The second man grace prevents the people from idolizing the set man. This grace also ensures the recognition that the people belong to God.

15. And all the people went to the temple of Baal, and tore it down. They broke in pieces its altars and images, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

The people broke the idols. The people changed under a second man grace.

The second man grace must move ministry from the presbytery to the people.

16. Also Jehoiada appointed the oversight of the house of the LORD to the hand of the priests, the Levites, whom David had assigned in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as it is written in the Law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, as it was established by David.

And he set the gatekeepers at the gates of the house of the LORD, so that no one who was in any way unclean should enter.

Jehoiada established protocol in the house. The priests and the levites were to offer burnt offerings with rejoicing and singing. The gatekeepers were to ensure that no unclean person entered. He connected David to Moses. The excellence of Moses and the charisma of David were brought into the house.

17. set the king on the throne of the kingdom

Jehoiada moved from personal empowerment, to corporate empowerment to set man empowerment. He moved the king from the temple to the throne. He protected the king from functioning as a priest. He made no provision for the king to sin in the area of his call.

The second man must ensure that the call and function of the set man is established in the local church.

18. Joash did what was right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

Jehoiada had a restraining influence on Joash. While Jehoiada was alive, Joash did not mess up.

The second man has a restraining influence on the set man.

19. And Jehoiada took two wives for him, and he had sons and daughters.

Jehoiada desired multiplication and duplication of the set man. He wanted to preserve the seed of the set man. He is concerned about continuity and permanence of the will of God. He wants the set man to have sons to carry the mantle of ministry. There is no bone of jealousy in Jehoiada.

The second man's love, commitment and call is demonstrated by his desire to see more leaders after the kind of his set man.

20. Now it happened after this that Joash set his heart on repairing the house of the LORD.

Jehoiada set the platform for reformation. The culture created by Jehoiada affected the heart of Joash. The second man must create the platform for reformation to take place.

21. So it was, at that time, when the chest was brought to the king's official by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, that the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it and returned it to its place. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.

Economic prosperity took place in an atmosphere created by Jehoiada.

22. The king and Jehoiada gave it to those who did the work of the service of the house of the LORD; and they hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the LORD, and also those who worked in iron and bronze to restore the house of the LORD.

Once the position of the king was established, we see Jehoiada taking second place. He never usurped the authority of the set man.

The second man's ministry exists to establish the set man and to work with him.

23. So the workmen labored, and the work was completed by them; they restored the house of God to its original condition and reinforced it.

A Jehoiada culture brings the house back to its original condition – true reformation process.

And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Jehoiada.

As long as Jehoiada lived a culture of sacrificial worship was established.

25. he was one hundred and thirty years old when he died.

Jehoiada lived beyond 120 years. Because of his sincerity and commitment to his leader, he was blessed with long life.

26. And they buried him in the City of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God and His house.

26.1 BURIED AMONGST KINGS

Jehoiada received the same honour as his set man.

26.2 DID GOOD TOWARDS GOD AND HIS HOUSE

Many folk are content with doing good to God only. Jehoiada did both. When you establish the set man, you do good "both to God and His house."

27. 17 Now after the death of Jehoiada the leaders of Judah came and bowed down to the king. And the king listened to them.

18 Therefore they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served wooden images and idols; and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem because of their trespass.

After the death of Jehoiada , the king listened to his leaders instead of God. This is symbolic of a

presbyterian system. The kingdom deteriorated to idolatry. Their covenant with the Lord, to be His people, was broken.

The second man not only establishes the set man system of government, but also ensures that it remains active.

28. 19 Yet He sent prophets to them, to bring them back to the LORD; and they testified against them, but they would not listen.

The prophetic voice was cut off after the death of Jehoiada.

29. 20 Then the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, who stood above the people, and said to them, "Thus says God: 'Why do you transgress the commandments of the LORD, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, He also has forsaken you.'"

21So they conspired against him, and at the commandment of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of the LORD.

Here again, we see the voice of God cut off after the death of Jehoiada.

The second man creates a culture of listening to the voice of God.

30. 23So it happened in the spring of the year that the army of Syria came up against him; and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the leaders of the people from among the people, and sent all their spoil to the king of Damascus.
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Whilst Jehoiada was alive, the Syrians were kept out. His death opened the door for Syrian invasion.
The second man also protects the church from invasion by demonic forces.