

## Chapter 12

*Ioas vvilleth the priestes to repaire vvhat needeth in the temple, receiuing al the money offered there. 6. VVhich they not performing, the high priest prouideth that al is amended, 16. the priestes receiuing only the money due to themfelues. 17. Hazael king of Syria taking Geth, and threatning Ierufalem is pacified vvith money. 19. Ioas is traitaroufly flaine by his seruantes, and his sonne Amafias reigneth.*

**I**n the feuenth yeare of Iehu reigned Ioas: and he reigned fourtie yeares in Ierufalem. The name of his mother was Sebia of Berfabee. <sup>2</sup> And Ioas did right before our Lord al the daies, that Ioiada the priest taught him. <sup>3</sup> But yet the excelses he tooke not away: for the people immolated & burnt incense in the excelses. <sup>4</sup> And Ioas fayd to the priestes: Al the money of the sanctified thinges, which is brought into the temple of our Lord by the paffengers, which is offered for the <sup>a</sup>price of a foule, and which of their owne accord, and of their owne free hart they bring into the temple of our Lord: <sup>5</sup> let the priestes take it according to their order, and maynteine reparations of the houle, if they shal see any thing that needeth reparation. <sup>6</sup> Therfore vntil the three and twentieth yeare of king Ioas, the priestes did not make reparations of the temple. <sup>7</sup> And king Ioas called Ioiada the high priest and the priestes, faying to them: Why make you not the reparations of the temple? Take you therfore money no more according to your order, but render it to the reparation of the temple. <sup>8</sup> And the priestes were prohibited to take money anie more of the people, and to make the reparations of the temple. <sup>9</sup> And Ioiada the high priest tooke a tresaurie, and opened a hole in the toppe, and fette it by the altar at the right hand of them that goe into the houle of our Lord, and the priestes that kept the doores, did caft

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<sup>a</sup> That is, the ordinarie oblation for ech particular perfon. *Exod. 30.*

into it al the money, that was brought to the temple of our Lord. <sup>10</sup> And when they saw that there was very much money in the treasurie, the kinges scribe, and the high priest went vp, and powred it out, and counted the money, that was found in the house of our Lord: <sup>11</sup> and they gaue it according to number and measure into their hand, which did ouersee the masons of the house of our Lord: who bestowed it on carpenters, and on masons, such as wrought in the house of our Lord, <sup>12</sup> and made reparation: and on them that hewed stones, and that they should buy trees, and stones, that were hewed, so that the reparation of the house of our Lord was accomplished in al thinges, which had neede of cost to uphold the house. <sup>13</sup> But yet there were not made of the same money the water pottes of the temple of our Lord, and the fleshhookes, and censers, and trumpets, and euerie vessel of gold and silver, of the money, that was brought into the temple of our Lord. <sup>14</sup> For it was geuen them that did the worke, that the temple of our Lord might be repayed: <sup>15</sup> and there was no account made with those men, that receiued the money to distribute it to the craftes men, but vpon their fidelitie they bestowed it. <sup>16</sup> But the money for offence, & the money for finnes, they brought not into the temple of our Lord, because it was the priestes. <sup>17</sup> Then Hazael the king of Syria went vp, and fought agaynst Geth, and tooke it: and directed his face to goe vp to Ierusalem. <sup>18</sup> For which cause Ioas the king of Iuda tooke al the sanctified thinges, which Iosaphat, and Ioram, and Ochozias his fathers the kinges of Iuda had <sup>a</sup>consecrated, and which him self had offered: and al the silver, that could be found in the treasures of the temple of our Lord, and in the kinges palace: and sent it to Hazael the king of Syria, and he retyred from Ierusalem. <sup>19</sup> But the rest of the wordes of Ioas, and al that he did, are not these thinges written in the Booke of the wordes of the daies of the kinges of Iuda? <sup>20</sup> And his seruantes arose, and conspired among them selues, and strooke Ioas in the house of Mello in the

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<sup>a</sup> Dedicated to holie vse.

defcent of Sella. <sup>21</sup> For Iofachar the fonne of Semaath, and Iozabad the fonne of Somer his feruantes, ftroke him, and he died: and they buried him with his fathers in <sup>a</sup>)the Citie of Daud, and Amafias his fonne reigned for him.

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<sup>a</sup> He was buried in the citie but not in the fepulcher of the kinges.  
*2. Paral. 24.* for his impietie in the latter part of his life.