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Topic: Prophets of Fire and Water: A Godly Seed Preserved

Scripture text: 2 Kings 11:1-16

1. Jesus Christ, the anointed Saviour, will come from the line of David who was from the tribe of Judah. Throughout history, Satan will attempt to destroy the plan of redemption by destroying the godly seed from the tribe of Judah. Satan also destroys the testimonies of Christians to snuff out the light of Christ in the world.

2. Athaliah was an ungodly and idolatrous woman who counselled Ahaziah in all manner of wickedness such as the installation of Baal worship in the nation of Judah. The nation of Judah was supposed to bear forth a spiritual witness but Ahaziah compromised and disobeyed the LORD's commandments. Athaliah seized the throne as queen when Ahaziah died and killed all the royal seed to ensure there was no heir remaining. Let us be discerning of spiritual danger which may come in the form of Internet, television or our peers. We must always put on the whole armour of God and serve only the Lord Jesus Christ, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts.

3. Athaliah did not succeed in destroying the Messianic line of Judah because of God's divine intervention to preserve the life of Joash. His aunt hid him and Joash was kept safe in the house of the LORD for six years. Without the preservation of Joash's life, there would be no salvation through Christ. God was faithful to His promises that Jesus Christ will come from the line of David. Jehoiada the priest restored the throne of Judah by anointing Joash as the rightful king. The traitor of Judah, Athaliah, was removed as queen and slain in the horse stables. As the world may fear the coronavirus, Christians should be comforted by God's Word that He will preserve the godly and we are assured of eternal life.