

JOASH

(the Boy King)

Is There More Than One Joash in the Bible?

The name Joash is not an uncommon Bible name. There are [several different men](#) by that name in the Old Testament.

But the two best known were both kings and their timelines [overlapped by two years](#).

Joash the boy-king of Judah reigned from 835-796 BC.

Joash the king of Israel reigned from 798-782 BC.

What does it mean to be hidden in plain sight. This is what we're going to talk about today.

What is the name of the other person we have studied that was hidden in plain sight?

Compare the two and this will be a part of your project for this series.

What about the Bible – is it hidden in plain sight?



Who Was Joash in the Bible?

I suppose everyone has a few relatives in their closet they'd like to keep the door shut on, but **Joash** came from a long line of notoriously wicked people. Intermarriage between Israelite and Judean royalty - added a twisted mess of seriously bad branches to [Joash's family tree](#).

Joash's grandmother, Athaliah was the daughter of the infamous Israelite pair, King Ahab and Jezebel. Athaliah married King Joram, son of Judah's King Jehoshaphat.

Joram "did evil in the sight of the Lord" ([2 Chronicles 21:6](#)). When he died, [Scripture](#) says it was "to no one's sorrow" ([2 Chronicles 21:20](#)).

After the king's death, their son **Ahaziah** became king, but his **pagan** mother Athaliah remained the behind-the-scenes as an evil adviser.

Ahaziah also died after a short reign, Queen Mother Athaliah decided to get rid of the entire royal line and take the crown herself.

She slaughtered all the royal heirs, or so she thought.

But many years before God had made a [covenant](#) with David, "And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever" [2 Sam 7:16](#) ESV.

Athaliah's bloody killing spree missed one heir. The infant Joash (1 years old) remained the only living descendant of David.

King Ahab and Jezebel

Project: PRE-TEEN & TEENS

Look up these two on Google to find it in your bible. Be prepared to give a report on it in class on Sunday. There will be a prize for the best report.



Project: CHILDREN

Color and turn in for a prize.