

Judah's King Joash

1. Carefully read through 2 Kings 11-12 and 2 Chronicles 22:10-24:27. Highlight with different colors the words spoken by different people. Underline in yellow each time the name of God is used. Underline in green each time a place is named. Underline in blue each time a person is named. Circle, underline, or color any other repeated phrases. What patterns do you notice? What differences do you notice between Kings and Chronicles?
2. Memorize 2 Chronicles 24:20, "Then the Spirit of God clothed Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, and he stood above the people, and said to them, 'Thus says God, "Why do you break the commandments of the LORD, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, he has forsaken you.'""
3. Create your own detailed outline of 2 Kings 11-12.
4. Who begins to rule over Judah after Ahaziah's death? Does the text include the usual introductory and concluding summaries for her? Why or why not?
5. Who saves Joash's life? How does she do so? In what ways is this account similar to other Bible stories?

6. Describe the events surrounding Joash's coronation. What is significant about David's spears and shields? Where is Athaliah put to death? Why?

7. Where does Joash get money to repair the temple?

8. What do the people do after Jehoiaha dies? What does Joash do to Zechariah? What does Jesus say about this in Matthew 23:34-35?

9. What does Joash give to Hazael? Why does God allow this?

10. Who kills Joash? Where do they bury him? Why?

11. Why do you think the story of Joash is included in the Bible? What can we learn from his life?