

----- Athaliah 6 years -----

3120c AM, 3830 JP, 884 BC

536. When Athaliah, the daughter of Ahab, saw that her own son Ahaziah was dead, she killed all the royal family of the house of Judah and took control of the kingdom. Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram and wife to Jehoiada, the high priest, took the infant Joash, who was the son of her brother Ahaziah. Joash and his nurse were hidden for six years in the temple while Athaliah ruled. Thus, his aunt spared him from the slaughter of the rest of the royal family. {#2Ki 11:1-3 2Ch 22:10-12} [L73]

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537. Jehoiada, the high priest, brought out Joash at the age of seven and anointed him king. After he had Athaliah killed, Joash restored the worship of the true God, destroyed the house of Baal and commanded Baal's high priest Mattan to be killed before his altars. {#2Ki 11:4-21 2Ch 23:1-21} Joash began his reign in the seventh year of Jehu and reigned forty years in Jerusalem. {#2Ki 12:1 2Ch 24:1}