

# II KINGS

## AT-A-GLANCE



O.T. BOOK #12



AUTHOR: UNKNOWN



WRITTEN: 550 BC

Covering the time period of 850-575 BC

12

Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books

**BOOK HIGHLIGHTS:** Contains the account of the widow woman's oil multiplying supernaturally to pay off her debt. **II Kings 4**

### KEY STORIES:

- Elijah is taken up to heaven in a chariot of fire (Chapter 2)
- Elisha raises a boy from the dead (Chapter 4)
- Naaman is cured of his leprosy by washing in the dirty Jordan River (Chapter 5)
- Jerusalem is plundered by the Babylonians (Chapter 24)

### KEY VERSES:

And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. **II Kings 2:9-10**

## Important Points about the Book:

- II Kings begins where I Kings leaves off.
- Chapters 2-7 cover the ministry of the prophet Elisha after Elijah is taken up to heaven.
- Chapter 13 covers the death of Elisha.
- The book covers the reigns of many kings of Israel and Judah, telling short stories about some of the most notable (good and evil). It ends with Chapter 25 and the Babylonian invasion of Judah with King Solomon's temple is destroyed.

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II Kings continues the history of the divided kingdom of Israel until their captivity. Israel forsook the word of God. The northern kingdom of Israel was conquered by the evil Assyrians around 722 BC and the southern kingdom of Judah was captured by the wicked Babylonians around 586 BC.

The book records the destruction of the house of Ahab by Jehu, the healing of Hezekiah, the wickedness of Manasseh, and the great revival under Josiah's reign.

## II Kings 25:12-15



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25



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## BREAKDOWNS

II Kings 1	Elijah Calls Fire From Heaven
II Kings 2	Elijah Taken Up to Heaven
II Kings 3	Elisha's Rebuke Against Jehovah
II Kings 4	Elisha Raises a Son, Cures "Death in the Pot"
II Kings 5	Naaman Healed of Leprosy
II Kings 6-7	Elisha Performs Two Miracles, Escapes Death
II Kings 8:1-6	Mother of Raised Son is Restored Her Land
II Kings 8:7-29	Benhadad's Murder; Kings Jehovah & Ahaziah
II Kings 9:1-29	King Jehu
II Kings 9:30-34	Death of Queen Jezebel
II Kings 10	Ahab's Family and Servants King
II Kings 11	Wicked Queen Athaliah
II Kings 12	King Josh Repairs the Temple
II Kings 13	King Jehoahaz Hears Elisha
II Kings 14	King Amaziah and Jeroboam II
II Kings 15	Seven Kings of Judah and Israel
II Kings 16	King Ahaz Defiles the Temple
II Kings 17	Kings Hoshea and the Assyrian Invasion
II Kings 18-19	Good Kings Hezekiah Stays Faithful
II Kings 20	King Hezekiah's Life is Extended
II Kings 21	Kings Manasseh and Amon
II Kings 22	The "Book" is Found in the House of the Lord
II Kings 23	Death of Josiah; Kings Jehovah, Jehoiakim
II Kings 24:1-7	The Babylonian Invasion
II Kings 24:8-20	Kings Jehoiachin and Zedekiah
II Kings 25	The Destruction of Judah and the Temple

① Finishing the Journeys of Elijah and Elisha (Chapters 1-10)

② History Leading to the Assyrian Invasion of Israel in 722 BC (Chapters 11-17)

③ History Leading to the Babylonian Invasion of Judah in 585 BC (Chapters 18-25)

### INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT II KINGS

- Chapters: 25
- Verses: 719
- Words: 23,517
- Chapters 1-17 cover the 131 years from 853 BC (King Ahaziah) of Israel to 722 BC (the Assyrian Captivity)
- Chapters 18-25 cover the 155 years from the beginning of Hezekiah's reign in 715 BC to the release of Jehoiachin in Babylon in 560 BC (Chapter 25)

## List of the Kings of Israel and Judah

Kings of Judah	Bible	Good/Bad	Kings of Israel	Bible	All Bad
Rehoboam	1 Kings 11-14	BAD	Jeroboam I	1 Kings 12-14	BAD
Abijam	1 Kings 14-15	BAD	Nadab	1 Kings 15	BAD
Asa	1 Kings 15	Good	Baasha	1 Kings 15-16	BAD
			Elah	1 Kings 16	BAD
			Zimri	1 Kings 16	BAD
			Omri	1 Kings 16	BAD
			Ahab	1 Kings 16	BAD
Jehoshaphat	1 Kings 22	Good	Ahaziah	1 Kings 22	BAD
Jehoram	2 Kings 8	BAD	Jehoram	2 Kings 1	BAD
Ahaziah	2 Kings 8-9	BAD	Jehu	2 Kings 3-9	BAD
Athaliah	2 Kings 11	BAD	Jehoahaz	2 Kings 9-10	BAD
Joash	2 Kings 11-12	Good	Jehoash	2 Kings 13-14	BAD
Amaziah	2 Kings 14	Good	Jeroboam II	2 Kings 14	BAD
Azariah	2 Kings 15	Good	Zechariah	2 Kings 14-15	BAD
Jotham	2 Kings 15	Good	Shallum	2 Kings 15	BAD
Ahaziah	2 Kings 16	BAD	Menahem	2 Kings 15	BAD
Hezekiah	2 Kings 18-20	Good	Pekahiah	2 Kings 15	BAD
Manasseh	2 Kings 21	BAD	Pekahiah	2 Kings 15	BAD
Amon	2 Kings 21	BAD	Hoshea	2 Kings 15-17	BAD
Josiah	2 Kings 21-23	Good	<b>Assyrian Captivity - No return</b>		
Jehoahaz	2 Kings 23	BAD			
Jehoiakim	2 Kings 23	BAD			
Jehoiachin	2 Kings 24	BAD			
Zedekiah	2 Kings 24-25	BAD			
<b>Babylonian Captivity - 70 years</b>					

# Quick Notes About the Northern and Southern Kingdoms of Israel and Judah ~

- ◆ The United Kingdom of Israel lasted for about 120 years (1053-933 BC)
- ◆ The Northern Kingdom existed for 210 years (931-721 BC) before being taken captive by the Assyrians in 721 BC
- ◆ The Southern Kingdom of Judah existed from 931-586 BC, some 136 years longer than Israel, before entering into Babylonian Captivity
- ◆ The total kingdom period lasted some 467 years (1053-586 BC)
  
- ◆ **THE NORTHERN KINGDOM:**
  - ◇ 19 kings reigned during its 210 year history
  - ◇ 9 different dynasties (family lines) reigned
  - ◇ The character of was bad
  - ◇ Prophets in the Northern Kingdom of Israel: Elijah, Elisha, Amos, Hosea
  
- ◆ **THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM:**
  - ◇ 20 kings reigned during its 345 year history
  - ◇ 8 of the 20 kings had good character: Asa, Jehoshaphat, Joash, Amaziah, Uzziah, Jotham, Hezekiah, Josiah
  - ◇ Prophets in the Southern Kingdom of Judah: Obadiah, Isaiah, Micah, Nahum, Zephaniah, Jeremiah, Habakkuk
  - ◇ The Southern Kingdom kings were of one continuous dynasty (David) in spite of efforts of Athaliah, Jezebel's daughter, to kill all of the descendants of David. Only Joash survived.