

## A SAMPLING OF 1 AND 2 KINGS

### 1 & 2 Kings and Law vs. the Spirit of Grace

#### Introduction

**The LAW is,** “**Exo 20:2** I *am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

**Exo 20:3** Thou shalt have no other gods before (*or ahead of*) me.

**Exo 20:4** Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth:

**Exo 20:5** Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;”:

**So then, through the eyes of the eternal God, anything else other than this, “according to LAW” means the creature “man” is dead already! And at this time of 1 and 2 Kings false gods and idol worship have been heavily practiced throughout the Nations of Israel, since the time of Judges! And David was the only king to successfully put away such things from among them during his full reign!**

**But by His grace, even when there was false gods and idol worship, the LORD God was known to leave the door open just in case any might return to Him, or enter for the first time, seeking forgiveness! But it was only because of sacrificing and offering according to Commandments the LORD God gave Moses; which “spoke\ yea screamed” of Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ!**

**And today we have His assurance of grace according to John 3:16 (*i.e., the sacrificing is done; Don’t You See*)! Refer to “The Spirit of GRACE” below.**

#### Under LAW “Another Chance” Has No Meaning:

***A domestic accident led to the death of King Ahaziah two (2) years after he took over reigning in the Northern Kingdom of Israel from his father Ahab!***

***Thus, Ahaziah called for inquiry, favor, and comfort from the false god Baalzebub of Ekron, rather than the LORD God of Israel!***

***And so, God sent an angel to Elijah for to confront Ahaziah about his misplaced trust in the false god Baalzebub, and that he (Ahaziah) would indeed die; because his false god never existed with the capability to help any one! That is why Baalzebub is a false god like every other false god!***

**2Ki 1:1** Then Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

**2Ki 1:2** And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that *was* in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, enquire of Baalzebub the (*false*) god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease.

**2Ki 1:3** But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria (*or northern Kingdom of Israel*), and say unto them, *Is it* not because *there is* not a God in Israel, *that* ye go to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?

2Ki 1:4 Now therefore thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And Elijah departed.

2Ki 1:5 And when the messengers turned back unto him (*Ahaziah*), he (*Ahaziah*) said unto them, Why are ye now turned back?

2Ki 1:6 And they (*the messengers*) said unto him (*Ahaziah*), There came a man up to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, *Is it* not because *there is* not a God in Israel, *that* thou sendest to enquire of Baalzebub the (*false*) god of Ekron? therefore thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

2Ki 1:7 And he (*Ahaziah*) said unto them (*the messengers*), What manner of man *was he* which came up to meet you, and told you these words?

2Ki 1:8 And they (*the messengers*) answered him, *He was* an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he (*Ahaziah*) said, It *is* Elijah the Tishbite.

***King Ahaziah send his captain with 50 men to fetch Elijah! But Elijah call fire down that consumed the captain and his fifty (50) men!***

2Ki 1:9 Then the king sent unto him (*Elijah*) a captain of fifty (*50*) with his fifty (*50, or a total of 50 men*). And he (*the captain with his 50 men*) went up to him (*Elijah*): and, behold, he (*Elijah*) sat on the top of an hill. And he (*the captain*) spake unto him (*Elijah*), Thou man of God, the king (*Ahaziah*) hath said, Come down.

2Ki 1:10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty (*50*), If I *be* a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty (*50 men*). And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him (*the captain*) and his fifty (*50 men*).

***King Ahaziah send another of his captains with fifty (50) men to fetch Elijah! But the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Elijah also call fire down that consumed the captain and his fifty (50) men!***

2Ki 1:11 Again also he (*Ahaziah*) sent unto him (*Elijah*) another captain of fifty (*50*) with his fifty (*50 men*). And he (*the captain*) answered and said unto him (*Elijah*), O man of God, thus hath the king (*Ahaziah*) said, Come down quickly.

2Ki 1:12 And Elijah answered and said unto them (*the captain and his fifty (50) men*), If I *be* a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty (*50 men*). And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him (*the captain*) and his fifty (*50 men*).

***King Ahaziah send another of his captains with fifty (50) men to fetch Elijah; but the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) time the captain and his men were more respectful of the man of God!***

2Ki 1:13 And he (*Ahaziah*) sent again a captain of the third (*3<sup>rd</sup>*) fifty (*50*) with his fifty (*50 men*). And the third (*3<sup>rd</sup>*) captain of fifty (*50 men*) went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty (*50*) thy servants, be precious in thy sight (*This time the LORD God showed mercy by the hand of Elijah, and spared the live of the captain and his men; even though they were false god and idol worshippers!*).

2Ki 1:14 Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the (*previous*) two (*2*) captains of the former fifties (*50*) with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight.

**2Ki 1:15** And the angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he (*Elijah*) arose, and went down with him (*the captain with his fifty (50) men*) unto the king.

***This verse is an application of the LAW; the first commandment!***

**2Ki 1:16** And he (*Elijah*) said unto him (*King Ahaziah*), Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to enquire of Baalzebub the (*false*) god of Ekron, *is it* not because *there is* no God in Israel to enquire of his word? therefore thou shalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

**2Ki 1:17** So he (*King Ahaziah*) died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram reigned in his stead (*or place*) in the second (*2<sup>nd</sup>*) year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he (*King Ahaziah*) had no son. (*It seems King Ahaziah may have also been referred to by the name "Joram"*). And since he had no son when he died, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat married into the family of Joram\ Ahaziah and ruled in the Northern Kingdom of Israel under the name "*Joram\ Jehoram*". After King Jehoshaphat of the Southern Kingdom died, his son Joram\ Jehoram became King in, both, Northern Israel (under the name Joram), and Judah (under the name Jehoram)? Refer to "*Timeline of 1 and 2 Kings (Approximation)*" below.

**2Ki 1:18** Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

### **The Spirit of GRACE**

**Only one (1) "man of God" was ever called to save the life of the world: And that was by His sacrifice on the cross, only!**

**Remember, the LORD God gave Moses the Commandments of sacrificing and offerings; not before the first set of stone tables, but after the second set, which remained unbroken even now, and forever in Messiah; the Son of God; the Lord Jesus Christ! Amen (*In other words the children of Israel required forgiveness after they broke the covenant, or the first set of stone tables! Thus, it was then that the LORD God Commanded sacrifice and offerings to atone for their sin(s)*).**

**The children of Israel from the seed of Adam did what was always done (*i.e. broke the law(s) of God*). But the seed from God of the woman obeyed unto death!**

**Many may remain confused about this, but the LORD God has intended that all should know the truth!**

**Rom 8:2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

**Luk 9:51** And it came to pass, when the time was come that he (*Jesus*) should be received up (*to heaven*), he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,

**Luk 9:52** And sent messengers before his face (*or ahead of Him*): and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready (*or prepare*) for him.

Luk 9:53 And they (*of Samaria*) did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.

Luk 9:54 And when his disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias (*or Elijah*) did?

Luk 9:55 But he (*Jesus*) turned, and rebuked (*or scold*) them, and said, **Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.**

Luk 9:56 **For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save *them*.** And they went to another village.

Joh 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, *even* the Son of man which is in heaven.

Joh 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

Joh 3:15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Joh 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Joh 3:18 He that believeth on him (*Jesus, the Son of God*) is not condemned (*or sentence to death*): but he that believeth not is condemned (*or sentenced to death*) already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God (*Remember, the human race is born under a sentence to death, and must be "born again": John 3:1 through 3:12!*).

Joh 3:19 And this is the condemnation (*of the unbeliever*), that light (*and\ or true knowledge*) is come into the world, and men loved darkness (*falsehoods\ blindness*) rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Joh 3:20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved (*or disapproved*).

Joh 3:21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they (*his deeds*) are wrought (*from, or formed*) in God.

### **Timeline of 1 and 2 Kings (Approximation)**

The Kings of Judah in the Southern Kingdom of Israel were allowed of the LORD God to reign from the eternal throne of David; but not all conducted themselves and their rulership in the manner that was approved of the LORD God!

And none of the kings of Samaria; the Northern Kingdom of Israel returned to the LORD God from worshipping false gods and idols!

***Recall the message God gave David by the prophet Nathan in 2 Samuel Chapter 7:***

2Sam 7:10 Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,

**2Sam 7:11** And as since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee (*David*) an house.

**2Sam 7:12** And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his (*David and his seed's*) kingdom.

**2Sam 7:13** He (*David and his seed*) shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever (*or throughout eternity?*).

**2Sam 7:14** I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

**2Sam 7:15** But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

**2Sam 7:16** And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever (*Refer to, "Thy Throne Forever"*) below.

**1Sam 7:17** According to all these words, and according to all this vision (*and prophecy!*), so did Nathan speak unto David.

### **Kings of Judah**

#### **Book of 1 Kings**

Solomon; *1024 to 984 B.C.*

Reoboam; *984 to 967 B.C.*

Abijam; *966 to 963 B.C.*

\*Asa; *964 to 923 B.C.*

\*Jehoshaphat; *922 to 897 B.C.*

Jehoram\ Joram; *899 to 891 B.C.*

### **Kings of Samaria**

Jeroboam; *984 to 962 B.C.*

Nadab; *962 to 960 B.C.*

Baasha; *961 to 937 B.C.*

Elah; *938 to 936 B.C.*

Zimri; *937 B.C.; killed after 7 days*

Omri; *933 to 921 B.C.*

Ahab; *926 to 904 B.C.*

Joram\

Ahaziah; *905 to 903 B.C.*

Joram\

Jehoram; *904 B.C to 892 B.C.*

(*Married daughter of Ahab?*)

#### **Book of 2 Kings**

Ahaziah; *892 B.C. to 891 B.C.*

Althaliah; *891 to 884 B.C.*

\*Joash; *884 to 844 B.C.*

Amaziah *844 B.C. to 815 B.C.*

\*Azariah\

Uzziah *815 B.C. to 763 B.C.*

Jehu; *891 B.C. to 863 B.C.*

Joash\

Jehoahaz *861 B.C. to 844 B.C.*

Jeroboam II; *830 B.C. to 789 B.C.*

Zechariah *777 B.C. (6 months)*

Shalum *777 B.C. (1 month)*

	Menahem <b>776 B.C. to 766 B.C.</b>
	Pekahiah <b>765 B.C. to 763 B.C.</b>
Jotham <b>761 B.C. to 745 B.C.</b>	Pekah <b>763 B.C. to 743 B.C.</b>
Ahaz <b>746 B.C. to 730 B.C.</b>	
*Hezekiah <b>729 B.C. to 700</b>	Hoshea <b>731 B.C. to 722 B.C.</b>
	Northern Kingdom of Israel
	Destroyed; approx. <b>722 B.C.</b>
Manasseh <b>699 B.C. to 644 B.C.</b>	
Amon <b>643 to 641 B.C.</b>	
*Josiah <b>640 to 609 B.C.</b>	
Shallum\ Jehoahaz <b>609 B.C. (reign 3 months; taken captive to Egypt)</b>	
Eliakim\ Jehoiakim <b>608 B.C. to 598 B.C.</b>	
Jeconiah\ Jehoachin <b>Dec. 598 B.C. (reigned 3 months into 597 B.C.)</b>	
Mattanyahu\ Zedekiah <b>597 B.C. to (destruction of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.)</b>	

***Seventy (70) years of Judah's captivity\ exile commence, and continued until Zerubbabel dedicated the second Temple in 516 B.C. (Darius the Great, or Darius the Mede being King of Persia, and over Babylon? Refer to the Books of Daniel, Haggai, Ezra, and Zechariah!)***

***Note: \* = Purposed to put false gods and idol worship away and walk after the LORD God of Israel; the God of Creation!***

### **Thy Throne Forever**

The eternal LORD and God of Creation made this promise of his eternal kingdom to King David. But New Testament Judeo – Christian Scriptures clearly explains that corruptible can not inherit incorruptible (***1 Corinthians 15:53 through 15:55***), because incorruptible is “***forever***”. Thus, the obvious and natural question arises; “how is this promise the LORD God gave corruptible David, possible”?

Throughout history no throne of man has continued more than a hand full of years, compared to all the time of recorded history; and the promise to David was for eternity! And so, the short answer to the question is, “***by love; grace; mercy; regeneration\ resurrection; inheritance; Kinsman Redemption; sacrifice; and ... other works of the Lord Jesus Christ (Son of God 100%; son, and progeny of King David, who is 100% man)***”!

***The genealogy of the Lord Jesus Christ is given in the New Testament Book of Matthew Chapter 1(one). And we see that his genealogy traces through David, the Great King of Israel; the youngest son of Jesse, as is revealed in scriptures of Ruth Chapter 4, 1 Samuel Chapter 16, and 2 Samuel Chapter 7. Thus, the flesh and blood man Jesus, Messiah traces unto the man, Adam (no demonic hybrid, of any sorts was given, and can not claim, such a genealogy); and he, the man Adam was created of God in the image of God! Study again, Genesis 1:26 and 1:27 and John 10:1 through 10:18. Thus, the genealogy is proven, according to the Word of God; without sin or contamination of any sort!***

But to see the complete (*or full*) answer of sacrificing, atoning and inheritance (*of the LORD God; Jesus the Son, for his followers and believers*) we must “diligently” study both, the Old and New Testament Judeo – Christian Bible Books; which is *the Words of God given to us that we may know Him and His plans for the human race; no other document(s) provide this! Do we not see in this how the LORD God of Creation leaves nothing to chance; and who else would you suppose could maintain such precise and factual records of the centuries?*

Gen 18:14 Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah (*at 90 years of age*) shall have a son (*Isaac*).

Jer 32:17 Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, *and* there is nothing too hard for thee:

Jer 32:27 Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?

Mat 19:26 But Jesus beheld *them*, and said unto them, *With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.*

Mar 9:23 Jesus said unto him, *If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.*

Mar 10:27 And Jesus looking upon them saith, *With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.*

*Thus, the eternal LORD and God of Creation establish the final state of those BELIEVERS in Him to be eternally with God!*