

2 KINGS

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1. ESSENTIALS

What Do You Need to Know First to Study 2 Kings Well?

DATE: 853-560 BC: Years of the Kings

GENRE: *Historical:* History of the Kings (Pt 2)

AUTHOR: *Unknown:* Possible Multiple Authors

SETTING: *Divided Kingdom:* Israel & Judah

PURPOSE: *Record:* Each King's Moral Analysis

AUDIENCE: *National Israel:* Generations of Faith

2. STORYLINE

What Do You Need to Know First to Study 2 Kings Well?

Divided Kingdom in Progress

- North: King Ahaziah (Ahab's Son)
- South: King Jehoshaphat
- Ahaziah advances Ahab's evil
- Temporary peace between nations
- Judah's "High Places" not removed

KEY VERSES

Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel and removed them out of his sight. None was left but the tribe of Judah only. Judah also did not keep the commandments of the Lord their God, but walked in the customs that Israel had introduced. ... The people of Israel walked in all the sins that Jeroboam did. They did not depart from them, until the Lord removed Israel out of his sight, as he had spoken by all his servants the prophets. So Israel was exiled from their own land to Assyria until this day.

- 2 Kings 17:18-19, 22-23

3. THEMES & IDEAS

What Major Biblical Concepts Do We Find in 2 Kings?

- Evil Perpetuates in Both Kingdoms
- Prophets Serve as God's Mouthpieces
- Kings' Loyalties Still Being Evaluated
- Internal Idolatry Exposed & Expanded
- High Places: Preserved or Destroyed
- Nations Invade as God's Judgment
- Disloyalty Forfeits Promised Land
- Rebellion Leads to Exile & Captivity

4. STRUCTURE

What are the major sections of 2 Kings?

CH 1-13: 1. The Ministry & Miracles of Elisha

Prophetic leadership passes to Elisha, who performs miracles and declares God's word to the North

CH 14-17: 2. The Disloyalty & Decline of Samaria

A survey of the kings over Israel and Judah until Assyria overtakes Israel

CH 18-25: 3. The Collapse & Captivity of Judah

A survey of the final kings of Judah from Samaria's fall to the Babylonian Exile



4. STRUCTURE - EXPANDED

4. What are the major sections of 2 Kings?

5. What do we learn about God from each of these sections?

6. What do these sections offer our Christian life?

CH 1-13: 1. THE MINISTRY & MIRACLES OF ELISHA

Elisha's miracles and Jehu's purge of Baal can't turn Israel from idolatry as Assyria rises

CH 1-2:11: Elijah's Final Acts

Elijah opposes the wicked sons of Ahab, calling fire from God 3x before being taken to heaven

CH 9-10: Jehu of Israel

Jehu destroys Baal worship in Israel (along with Jezebel), yet still commits idolatry at Dan and Bethel

CH 2:12-8: The Ministry of Elisha

God works through Elisha in a number of supernatural ways, as the Assyrian threat begins to rise

CH 11-13: More Kings, Elisha Dies

Athaliah, Joash (Judah), Jehoahaz and Jehoash (Israel) reign; Elisha the prophet dies and is buried

CH 14-17: 2. THE DISLOYALTY & DECLINE OF SAMARIA

Northern kings rise and fall quickly until Samaria falls to Assyria in 722 BC

CH 14-15: Judah's & Israel's Kings

Judah: Amaziah, Azariah, Jotham. Israel: Jeroboam II, Zechariah, Shallum, Menahem, Pekahiah, Pekah

CH 17: Summary: Samaria's Idolatry

Samaria's idolatry is exposed and God's judgment of Israel is solidified

CH 16: Ahaz of Judah

Ahaz imitates the evil practices of the North

CH 18-25: 3. THE COLLAPSE & CAPTIVITY OF JUDAH

Hezekiah and Josiah bring reform, but evil kings prevail and Jerusalem falls to Babylon

CH 18-21: Hezekiah, Manasseh & Amon

Hezekiah's righteous reign along with the role of the prophet Isaiah; then Manasseh's evil contributions

CH 23:31-25: Final Kings & Exile

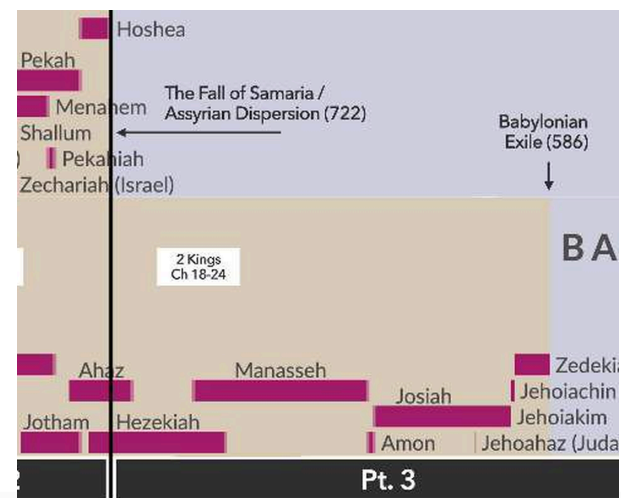
Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, Zedekiah; Jerusalem falls, Gedaliah set up as governor, Jehoiachin exiled

CH 22-23:30: Josiah's Righteous Reign

Repairs the temple, rediscovers the law, renews the covenant

5. HOW 2 KINGS POINTS TO CHRIST

- In Elisha's greater works, like the Spirit's expansive works through the Church
- In the good news the four lepers witnessed in famine, like the gospel writers
- In the Gospels: a book of Kings about the King of Kings



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