

2nd Kings

Collision Course To Captivity



“Now it happened, when the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, that he tore his clothes. Then the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Achbor the son of Michaiah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king, saying, ‘Go, inquire of the Lord for me, for the people and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found; for great is the wrath of the Lord that is aroused against us, because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us.’” (2 Kings 22:11-13)

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Part One: The United Kingdom (1:1—11:43)

I. THE REIGN OF AHAZIAH IN ISRAEL (1 KINGS 22:51—2 KINGS 1:18)

A. Spiritual Evaluation of Ahaziah (1 Kings 22:51–53)

1. Describe the moral character of Ahaziah.
2. Who had been the major influence in his moral development?

B. Political Situation Under Ahaziah (1:1)

1. Who rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab?

C. Death of Ahaziah (1:2–18)

1. When Ahaziah suffered an injury, who do he ask concerning his fate?
2. What message did Elijah deliver to Ahaziah?
3. How is Elijah described in these verses?
4. How did Elijah prove he was a “man of God”?

II. THE REIGN OF JEHORAM IN ISRAEL (2:1—8:15)

A. Transition from Elijah to Elisha (2:1–25)

1. What did the sons of the prophets tell Elisha?
2. What did Elisha want Elijah to give him?
3. How did Elijah ascend into heaven?
4. Why did Elisha curse the young men on the road?

B. Spiritual Evaluation of Jehoram (3:1–3)

1. Describe the wickedness of Jehoram.
2. What good thing will he be remembered for?

C. Political Situation Under Jehoram (3:4–27)

1. What alliance did Jehoram make with Jehoshaphat?
2. How did God deliver the Moabites into the hands of Jehoram?

3. What horrible act did the king of Moab perform? Why?

D. Ministry of Elisha (4:1—8:15)

1. How did Elisha save the widow's sons from slavery?

2. How did God reward the Shunammite woman?

3. What happened to the Shunammite's son?

4. What was wrong with the stew in Gigla?

5. What do we know about Naaman? What was wrong with him?

6. What was Naaman told to do to be healed? Why did he resist?

7. What evil act did Gehazi perform? How was he punished?

8. Explain how the iron ax head was able to float.

9. Why was the king of Syria so angry with Elisha?
10. What did Elisha reveal to his servant?
11. How severe was the famine in Samaria?
12. What discovery did the four lepers make?
13. What happened to the officer who doubted Elisha?
14. Why did the king restore the land holding to the Shunammite woman?
15. What did Ben-Hadad want to know from Elisha?

III. THE REIGN OF JEHORAM IN JUDAH (8:16–24)

1. Why did God preserve Judah?
2. Who revolted against Judah's authority?

IV. THE REIGN OF AHAZIAH IN JUDAH (8:25—9:29)

A. Spiritual Evaluation of Ahaziah (8:25–27)

B. Political Situation Under Ahaziah (8:28—9:26)

1. What mission did Elisha send one of the sons of the prophets on?
2. What mission was given to Jehu?
3. How and why did Jehoram die?

C. Death of Ahaziah (9:27–29)

1. How did Ahaziah react to the death of Jehoram?
2. How did Ahaziah die?

V. THE REIGN OF JEHU IN ISRAEL (9:30—10:36)

A. Fulfillment of Elisha's Prophecy (9:30—10:28)

1. How did Jezebel die? What had Elisha prophesied about her?
2. What happened to the 70 sons of Ahab in Samaria?

3. Why were the 42 brothers of Ahaziah put to death?

4. How did Jehu deceive the prophets of Baal?

B. Spiritual Evaluation of Jehu (10:29–31)

1. Spiritually speaking, how will Jehu be remembered?

2. How did Jehu follow the will of God?

C. Political Situation Under Jehu (10:32, 33)

D. Death of Jehu (10:34–36)

VI. THE REIGN OF QUEEN ATHALIAH IN JUDAH (11:1–16)

A. Salvation of Joash (11:1–3)

1. What did Athaliah do after the death of her son?

2. How was Joash taken care of in his early years?

B. Overthrow of Athaliah by Jehoiada (11:4–12)

1. How did Joash ascend to the throne?

2. What items of King David were given to the captains?

C. Death of Athaliah (11:13–16)

1. What caused Athaliah to cry out, “Treason! Treason!”?

2. How and where did Athaliah die?

VII. THE REIGN OF JOASH IN JUDAH (11:17—12:21)

A. Renewal of the Covenant (11:17–21)

1. What covenant was made between “the Lord, the king, and the people”?

2. What did the people do at the temple of Baal?

B. Spiritual Evaluation of Joash (12:1–3)

1. Who had been instrumental in the spiritual training of Jehoash?

2. What spiritual problem still existed among the people?

C. Spiritual Situation Under Joash (12:4–16)

1. Describe the ungodly actions of the priests during the days of Joash.
2. How did Joash determine to make repairs on the temple?

D. Political Situation Under Joash (12:17, 18)

1. What did Hazael king of Syria plan on doing?
2. How did Jehoash make Hazael king of Syria change his mind?

E. Death of Joash (12:19–21)

VIII. THE REIGN OF JEHOAHAZ IN ISRAEL (13:1–9)

1. Why was “anger of the Lord ... aroused against Israel”?
2. What did Israel do when given a second chance?

IX. THE REIGN OF JEHOASH IN ISRAEL (13:10–25)

A. Rule of Jehoash (13:10–13)

1. How long did Jehoash reign over Israel?

2. Describe the moral and spiritual character of Jehoash.

B. Last Prophecies and Death of Elisha (13:14–25)

1. What was the last prophecy that Elisha gave to the king of Israel?

2. How did Elisha heal a man after he was dead?

X. THE REIGN OF AMAZIAH IN JUDAH (14:1–22)

A. Spiritual Evaluation of Amaziah (14:1–6)

1. What good things can be said about Amaziah?

2. What shortcomings were found in his spiritual life?

B. Political Situation Under Amaziah (14:7–14)

1. What challenge did Amaziah make to Jehoash?

2. What was the outcome of the meeting between Amaziah and Jehoash?

C. Death of Jehoash (14:15, 16)

D. Death of Amaziah (14:17–22)

1. Why did Amaziah flee to Lacish?
2. How was Azariah made king?

XI. THE REIGN OF JEROBOAM II IN ISRAEL (14:23–29)

1. What did the Lord see when He looked upon the nation of Israel?
2. How did God save Israel?

XII. THE REIGN OF AZARIAH IN JUDAH (15:1–7)

1. Describe the righteousness of Azariah.
2. How and why did the Lord strike Azariah?

XIII. THE REIGN OF ZECHARIAH IN ISRAEL (15:8–12)

1. Describe the moral character of Zechariah.
2. What did Shallum the son of Jabesh do?

XIV. THE REIGN OF SHALLUM IN ISRAEL (15:13–15)

XV. THE REIGN OF MENAHEM IN ISRAEL (15:16–22)

1. What did Menahem give to Pul, the king of Assyria?

2. What did Menahem get from the wealthy men of Israel?

XVI. THE REIGN OF PEKAHIAH IN ISRAEL (15:23–26)

1. How did Pekahiah the son of Menahem die?

XVII. THE REIGN OF PEKAH IN ISRAEL (15:27–31)

1. What did Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria do in the land of Naphtali?

2. Who led the conspiracy against Pekah?

XVIII. THE REIGN OF JOTHAM IN JUDAH (15:32–38)

1. Describe the good and bad points in the spiritual life of Jotham.

2. How did God use Rezin king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah?

XIX. THE REIGN OF AHAZ IN JUDAH (16:1–20)

A. Spiritual Evaluation of Ahaz (16:1–4)

1. What abominations did Ahaz commit?
2. What type of sacrifices did he make?

B. Political Situation Under Ahaz (16:5–18)

1. What did Rezin king of Syria and Pekah king of Israel do?
2. Why did Ahaz send messengers to Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria?
3. What did King Ahaz see while he was in Damascus?
4. What renovations did Ahaz make around the temple?

C. Death of Ahaz (16:19, 20)

XX. THE REIGN OF HOSHEA IN ISRAEL (17:1–41)

A. Spiritual Evaluation of Hoshea (17:1, 2)

B. Political Situation Under Hoshea (17:3–41)

1. What did Shalmaneser king of Assyria do to Hoshea?
2. What conspiracy did the king of Assyria uncover?
3. Why was Israel carried away to Assyria?
4. How did God “testify” against Israel and Judah?
5. What groups of people were resettled in Samaria?
6. Explain the divided loyalties of the new settlers.

PART TWO: THE SURVIVING KINGDOM OF JUDAH (18:1—25:30)

I. THE REIGN OF HEZEKIAH IN JUDAH (18:1—20:21)

A. Spiritual Evaluation of Hezekiah (18:1–8)

1. Describe the religious reforms that Hezekiah made.
2. Describe the moral character of Hezekiah.

B. Political Situation Under Hezekiah (18:9—20:19)

1. What did Sennacherib king of Assyria do to the fortified cities of Judah?
2. What did Rabshakeh want Judah to give the king of Assyria?
3. Why did Hezekiah tear his clothes, cover himself with sackcloth, and go into the house of the Lord?
4. What did Isaiah tell the servants of King Hezekiah?
5. What did Hezekiah want “all the kingdoms of the earth” to know?
6. What did the Lord say would happen to the king of Assyria?
7. Why was Hezekiah told to set his house in order?
8. What message did Isaiah give to Hezekiah?
9. What sign was given to Hezekiah?

10. What mistake did Hezekiah make with his visitors from Babylon?

C. Death of Hezekiah (20:20, 21)

II. THE REIGN OF MANASSEH IN JUDAH (21:1–18)

A. Spiritual Evaluation of Manasseh (21:1–15)

1. Describe the moral depravity of Manasseh.

2. How did God “stretch over Jerusalem the measuring line of Samaria and the plummet of the house of Ahab”?

B. Political Situation Under Manasseh (21:16)

C. Death of Manasseh (21:17, 18)

III. THE REIGN OF AMON IN JUDAH (21:19–26)

1. How did the “servants of Amon conspire against him”?

2. How was Josiah made king?

IV. THE REIGN OF JOSIAH IN JUDAH (22:1—23:30)

A. Spiritual Evaluation of Josiah (22:1, 2)

1. How old was Josiah when he was made king?

2. Describe the moral character of Josiah.

B. Renewal of the Covenant by Josiah (22:3—23:27)

1. What did Hilkiah the high priest find in the house of the Lord?

2. Why did Josiah tear his clothing?

3. How did Judah benefit by Josiah having a tender and humble heart?

4. What covenant did Josiah make before the Lord?

5. Describe the sweeping religious reforms made by Josiah.

6. Who was in the tomb that Josiah found?

7. Describe the Passover that was celebrated in Jerusalem.

C. Political Situation Under Josiah (23:28, 29)

D. Death of Josiah (23:30)

V. THE REIGN OF JEHOAHAZ IN JUDAH (23:31–34)

1. What did Pharaoh Necho do to Jehoahaz?
2. Who did Pharaoh Necho set up as king?

VI. THE REIGN OF JEHOIAKIM IN JUDAH (23:35–24:7)

1. What did Jehoiakim give to Pharaoh Necho?
2. What was the relationship between Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and Jehoiakim?

VII. THE REIGN OF JEHOIACHIN IN JUDAH (24:8–16)

1. What did Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon do to Jehoiachin?
2. What did Nebuchadnezzar take from Jerusalem?

VIII. THE REIGN OF ZEDEKIAH IN JUDAH (24:17–25:21)

- A. Spiritual Evaluation of Zedekiah (24:17–19)
1. How was Zedekiah made king?

2. Describe the moral character of Zedekiah.

B. Political Situation Under Zedekiah (24:20—25:21)

1. What did God do to Zedekiah?

2. What did Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon build around Jerusalem?

3. How was Zedekiah punished?

4. What was taken away from Jerusalem?

IX. THE GOVERNORSHIP OF GEDALIAH (25:22–26)

1. What kind of oath did Gedaliah take?

2. How did Gedaliah die?

X. THE RELEASE OF JEHOIACHIN IN BABYLON (25:27–30)

1. Who released Jehoiachin king of Judah from prison?

2. What was given to Jehoiachin?

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