

BIBLICAL

A STUDY THROUGH THE SCROLLS OF SCRIPTURE

REVIEW

2 Kings



2 Kings Author

- Jeremiah or at least someone who lived at the end of the Kingdom of Judah, who:
 - Had a prophetic voice
 - Had access to historical documents
 - Book of the acts of Solomon
 - Book of the Chronicles of kings of Israel
 - Book of the Chronicles of kings of Judah

2 Kings Author

- Written before Babylonian captivity
 - Except for last 2 chapters
- Amazing to have access to all those documents
- Content fits in with earlier warnings
 - Jewish people leaving Egypt
 - Timeless warnings against Idolatry

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Surviving Kingdom

- Judah
- Hezekiah to Zedekiah
- Judah deported to Babylon
- 155 years (715-560 BC)

Keep this chart nearby

Divided Kingdom									
Judah					Israel				
Years	King	Start / End	Prophet	Scripture	Years	King	Start / End	Prophet	Scripture
931 - 913	Rehoboam (Son)	Evil / Evil	Shemaiah	1 Ki 12, 14 2 Ch 10-12	931 - 910	Jeroboam I (servant)	Evil / Evil	Ahijah	1 Ki 12-14 2 Ch 10
913 - 911	Abijah (Son)	Evil / Evil		1 Ki 15 2 Ch 13	910 - 909	Nadab (son)	Evil / Evil		1 Ki 15
911 - 870	Asa (Son)	Good/Good	Hanani	1 Ki 15 2 Ch 14-16	909 - 886	Baasha	Evil / Evil	Jehu	1 Ki 16
					886 - 885	Elah (Son)	Evil / Evil		1 Ki 16
					885	Zimri (captain)	Evil / Evil	Micaiah	1 Ki 16
					885 - 874	Omri (Captain)	Evil / Evil	Elijah 1 Ki 17-19	1 Ki 16
874 - 853	Ahab (Son)	Evil / Evil		874 - 853	Ahab (Son)	Evil / Evil		1 Ki 17 2 Ch 18	
870 - 848	Jehoshaphat (Son)	Good/Good		1 Ki 22 2 Ch 17-20	853 - 852	Ahaziah (Son)	Evil / Evil		1 Ki 22 2 Ki 1
848 - 841	Jehoram (Son)	Evil / Evil	Obadiah(?)	2 Ki 8 2 Ch 21	852 - 841	Joram (Son of Ahab)	Evil / Evil	Elisha 1 Ki 19 2 Ki 2-9	2 Ki 3
841	Ahaziah (Son)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 8-9 2 Ch 22	841 - 814	Jehu (Captain)	Good / Evil	2 Ki 13	2 Ki 9-10
841 - 835	Athaliah (mother)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 11 2 Ch 22-23					
835 - 796	Joash (son of Ahaziah)	Good / Evil	Joel	2 Ki 11-12 2 Ch 23-24	814 - 798	Jehoahaz (Son)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 13
796 - 767	Amaziah (son)	Good / Evil		2 Ki 14 2 Ch 25	798 - 782	Jehoash (Son)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 13-14
767 - 740	Uzziah aka Azariah (Son)	Good/Evil	Isaiah Micah	2 Ki 15 2 Ch 26	782 - 753	Jeroboam II (Son)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 14
					753 - 752	Zechariah (Son)	Evil / Evil	Amos Hosea	2 Ki 15
					752	Shallum	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 15
					752 - 742	Menahem	Evil / Evil	Jonah (2 Kings 14:25; Jonah 1:1)	2 Ki 15
748 - 732	Jotham (Son)	Good/Good		2 Ki 15 2 Ch 27	742 - 740	Pekahiah (Son)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 15
732 - 716	Ahaz (Son)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 16 2 Ch 28 Is 7	752 - 740 (rival) 733 - 722 (sole)	Pekah (Captain)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 15
716 - 687	Hezekiah (Son)	Good/Good		2 Ki 18-20 2 Ch 29-32 Is 36-39	732 - 722	Hoshea	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 17
687 - 642	Manasseh (Son)	Evil / Good		2 Ki 21 2 Ch 33	Israel into Assyrian captivity - 722 BC				
642 - 640	Amon (Son)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 21 2 Ch 33				Nahum	
640 - 608	Josiah (Son)	Good/Good		2 Ki 22-23 2 Ch 34-35					
608	Jehoahaz (Son)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 23 2 Ch 36					
608 - 597	Jehoiakim (Son of Josiah)	Evil / Evil	Habakkuk Zephaniah Jeremiah Ezekiel (Lamentations)	2 Ki 23-24 2 Ch 36					
597	Jehoiachin (Son)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 24-25 2 Ch 36				Daniel	
597 - 586	Zedekiah (Son of Josiah)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 24-25 2 Ch 36					
Judah into Babylonian captivity - 586 BC									
586-450			Jeremiah Haggai Zechariah Malachi						

Timeline of Kings, Prophets, and Scripture

- Who is influencing whom.
- Who was speaking to whom for God.
- Overlapping Histories
 - How does this history connect with upcoming books we will study

Kings Come and Go

- Kings influence their Kingdoms
- Judah
 - Hezekiah
- Israel
 - Jehu

Kings Come and Go

- Judah
 - Hezekiah
 - Removed high places of idolatry. 18:4
 - Trusted the Lord 18:5
 - Sought Godly Counsel in time of peril 18:17-19:20

“Now, O Lord our God, I pray, deliver us from his hand that all the kingdoms of the earth may know You alone, O Lord, are God”

2 Kings 19:19

Kings Come and Go

- Israel
 - Jehu
 - ‘Come see my zeal for the Lord’ 10:16
 - ‘Thus Jehu eradicated Baal out of Israel’ 10:28
 - However.....

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- Israel
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 - ‘Jehu was not careful to walk in the ways of the law of the Lord, the God of Israel, with all his heart.’ -2 Kings 10: 29-31

“Jeroboam said in this heart, “Now the kingdom will return to the house of David. If this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will return to their lord, even to Rehoboam king of Judah.....

1 Kings 12:26

“So the king consulted, and made two golden calves, and he said to them, “It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; behold your gods, O Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt.....

1 Kings 12:28

“.....And he made houses on high places, and made priests from among all the people who were not of the sons of Levi.....”

1 King 12:31

Kings Come and Go

Likewise today,
Bad 'kings' come and go &
Good 'kings' come and go.

How do we live?

“...Jehu was not careful to walk in the ways of the law of the Lord, the God of Israel, with all his heart.’

2 Kings 10:29-31

Heart Issues

Who took more care with their hearts?

- Hezekiah sought counsel, was humble and trusting.
- Attentive Proclaimers
- Confident Expecters
- Persistent Givers
- Genuine Believers

Heart Issues

- Attentive Proclaimers
Elijah, Elisha, and other unnamed prophets

Prophecy proclaimed but not always personally delivered or seen.

Spoke as directed by God and were often ignored by their audience.

Heart Issues

- Confident Expecter
Wife of a son of a prophet

Expectation that God would come through
for family of one who 'feared God.'

-2 Kings 4:1-7

Heart Issues

- Persistent Giver
Shunammite Woman

Example of Generosity, Faithfulness, and Persistence.

-2 Kings 4:8-37

Heart Issues

- Genuine Believer

Child with 'Child-like' faith and love for her master

'I wish that my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria. Then he would cure him of his leprosy.'

-2 Kings 5:1-18

Our Heart Issues

- How do we take care of our hearts?
- Are we seeking counsel, humble, and trusting?

Our Heart Issues

- Are we Attentive Proclaimers?

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- Are we Confident Expecters?

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- Are we Genuine Believers?

Application

God uses historical figures to encourage us to strengthen and exercise our faith with those in our lives even as our 'Kings' come and go.