

2 kings



Study Outline

Main Point: Second Kings chronicles the total moral, religious & ethical collapse of both the kingdoms of Judah and of Israel. Though God had extended mercy to the Israelites for years, this book illustrates the righteousness of God's judgment as His people continue to disobey His commands & covenants. Though a tragedy, Second Kings illustrates four key truths concerning God's judgment: "It comes with a warning", "It comes with a reason", "It's withheld by faithful men", "It always serves a purpose in God's ultimate plan".

1. Gods Judgment Comes with a Warning: 2 Kings 1-7

- a. End of Elijah's Ministry 2 Kings 1:1-2:11
- b. Elisha's Ministry 2 Kings 2:12-7:20
 - War with Moab 2 Kings 3
 - Stories of the Power of Elisha 2 Kings 4
 - Naaman the Syrian 2 Kings 5
 - Floating Ax Head 2 Kings 6:1-7
 - The Syrians 2 Kings 6:7-7:20

2. Gods Judgment Comes with a Reason: 2 Kings 8-17

- a. Stories of the Wicked Kings 2 Kings 8-12
- b. 4 Significant Monarchs 2 Kings 13-14
- c. Few Godly Kings 2 Kings 15:1-7; 32-38
- d. More Wicked Kings 2 Kings 15:8-31; 16:1-20
- e. Israel Conquered by Assyria 2 Kings 17

3. Gods Judgment is Withheld by Faithful Men: 2 Kings 18-20

- a. Hezekiah Faith in Judah 2 Kings 18:1-16
- b. Assyria Prepares for Attack 2 Kings 18:17-37
- c. Isaiah's Word & Hezekiah's Prayer 2 Kings 19:1-19
- d. Angel of the Lord 2 Kings 19:20-37
- e. Hezekiah's Faith Rewarded 2 Kings 20

4. Gods Judgment always Serves a Purpose: 2 Kings 21-25

- a. King Manasseh tips the Balance 2 Kings 21
- b. King Josiah Prolongs Judgment 2 Kings 22:1-23:30
- c. Jerusalem Falls to Nebuchadnezzar 2 Kings 23:31-24:20
- d. Judah Conquered by Babylon 2 Kings 25

Important Passage....

"For the Children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did.... until the Lord removed Israel out of His sight, as He had said by all His servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away from their own land to Assyria." - 2 Kings 17:22-23 // "Then the king of Babylon struck them and put them to death at Ribiah.... thus Judah was carried away captive from its own land." - 2 Kings 25:21



Day 1: Fiery Chariot....

2 Kings 2: 1-18 // THINKING POINTS: (1). Why do you think Elijah kept telling Elisha to turn away? (2). Elisha could have asked for anything.... why do you think he chose what he did? (3). Looking back over the ministry and life of Elijah it's clear he was used by God in a might, incredible way, what was the source of his strength?

Day 2: Widows Faith....

2 Kings 4: 8-37 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What can you learn from the way the Shunammite women handled this tragedy? (2). In what ways do you see her faith displayed in the way she handled the situation? (3). Compare Elisha raising this boy and the three resurrection miracles of Jesus? What do you learn concerning the power of prayer?

Day 3: Skinny Dipping....

2 Kings 5: 1- 19 // THINKING POINTS: (1). Though our passage makes it clear Naaman was a good man, was his righteousness enough to save him from the disease of leprosy (2). Why do you think it was important for Naaman to dip himself in the Jordan 7 times in order to receive healing? (3). If leprosy is always a picture of sin and it was his faith not goodness that healed him, what greater type does this story represent for us?

Day 4: Floating Ax....

2 Kings 6: 1-7 // THINKING POINTS: (1). Knowing that Elijah feared he was the only prophet in Israel, what does this story tell you concerning Elisha's influence on the nation? (2). If Elisha trusted God in even the most trivial situations, what should this tell us about God's opinions of the most insignificant areas of our life? (3). God preformed the miracle, but did "man" have a role to play in the miracle?

Day 5: One Mans Faith....

2 Kings 18-19 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What role do you think watching the Northern Kingdom fall to the Assyrians played in Hezekiah's perspective? (2). Hezekiah's faith was evident in what way? (3). How does God want to fight for you? Will you let Him?

Day 6: Revival....

2 Kings 22-23 // THINKING POINTS: (1). Can God use children in mighty ways? In what way can He use you? (2). In a time a spiritual decay is it any wonder the Word had been neglected? (3). When was the last time you read the Bible and were convicted of sin?

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