

Outline of 2 Kings

The book of 2 Kings continues the history of Israel by recounting further information about Elijah and Elisha, various kings in the northern and southern kingdoms, and the falls of both kingdoms to foreign powers.

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Notes

- The kings of the northern kingdom (Israel) can be divided into four dynasties:
 - First dynasty: Jeroboam I, Nadab
 - Second dynasty: Baasha, Elah, Zimri, Tibni
 - Third dynasty: Omri, Ahab, Ahaziah, Joram
 - Fourth dynasty: Jehu, Jehoahaz, Jehoash, Jeroboam II, Zechariah
 - Kings of the fall of Israel: Shallum, Menahem, Pekahiah, Pekah, Hoseah
- Why did the north have these four dynasties and the south did not have any?
- From Shallum to the end of the northern kingdom, there is only one family connection between kings (Pekahiah is the son of Menahem but the others are “random”).
- Key verses: note 17:7-23; 24:20
- The latter years of Judah are punctuated by two good kings: Hezekiah and Josiah. Each were followed by two or three evil sons/grandsons.
- Notice the grace of God in 2 Kings 13:23.
- Notice 2 Kings 19:35-36. Who killed the Assyrians? Who is that?
- 2 Kings 23:10 recounts the transformation of Topheth in the valley of Hinnom into a garbage dump, later in history to be used as an illustration of the continual burning of Hell (Mark 9:47-48).