

OUTLINE OF 2 KINGS

1A THE PARALLEL KINGDOMS OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH chap 1-17

1B The ministry of the prophets in Israel

1C The ministry of Elijah chap 1- 2:18

Called down fire from heaven, taken to heaven without seeing death

2C The ministry of Elisha chap 2:19-8:15

Elisha is initially called in 1 Kings 19:16-21, upon Elijah's departure, he is given a double portion of Elijah's spirit, and does a very large number of miracles.

2B The succession of the kings of Israel and Judah chap 8:16-17:41

1C Reign of Jehoram (also called Joram) in Judah chap 8:16 - 8:23

Evil king, reigned 8 years, married Athaliah daughter of Ahab

2C Reign of Ahaziah of Judah chap 8:24 - 9:10

Evil king, reigned 1 year, Athaliah's son, friends with Joram king of Israel, who was Ahab's son

3C Reign of Jehu of Israel chap 9:11 - 10:36

Mostly good king, reigned 13 years, killed both Joram king of Israel, and Ahaziah king of Judah at the same time. He killed Jezebel, and all the children of Ahab, 42 brothers of Ahaziah, and destroyed Baal worship in Israel. BUT, he still practiced calf worship, and did not walk in the law of the Lord.

4C Reign of Athaliah, mother of Ahaziah, in Judah chap 11:1-20

Once Jehu had killed Ahaziah, Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah seized the throne of Judah and killed all the sons of David except one, Joash, who was hidden by his aunt for 6 years. Athaliah was very wicked and reigned 7 years.

5C Reign of Joash (Jehoash) in Judah chap 12:1-21

Good king, reigned 40 years, destroyed Baal worship and rebuilt the house of the Lord

6C Reign of Jehoahaz in Israel chap 13:1-9

Evil king, reigned 17 years, oppressed by Syria, but delivered from them

7C Reign of Jehoash (Joash) in Israel chap 13:10-25

Evil king, reigned 16 years, fought with Judah, Elisha's last prophecy, He beat Syria 3 times.

8C Reign of Amaziah in Judah chap 14:1-20

Good king, reigned 29 years, defeated the Edomites, and was himself defeated by Israel, and Jerusalem was sacked.

9C Reign of Jeroboam II in Israel chap 14:23-29

Evil king, reigned 41 years, expanded the borders by conquest

10C Reign of Azariah (Uzziah), son of Amaziah, in Judah chap 15:1-7

Good king, reigned 52 years, was a leper

11C Reign of Zechariah in Israel chap 15:8-12

Evil king, reigned 6 months, murdered

12C Reign of Shallum in Israel chap 15:13-15

Reigned only one month

13C Reign of Menahem in Israel chap 15:16-22

Evil king, reigned 10 years, bribed Assyria to leave them alone

14C Reign of Pekihiah in Israel chap 15:23-26

Evil king, reigned 2 years, died in military coup

15C Reign of Pekah in Israel chap 15:27-31

Evil king, reigned 20 years, Assyria begins her conquest, first
deportation to Assyria of northern tribes

16C Reign of Jotham in Judah chap 15:32-38

Good king, reigned 16 years

17C Reign of Ahaz of Judah chap 16:1-20

Evil king, reigned 16 years, practiced child sacrifice, looked to a
pagan king and pagan gods to save his kingdom from the enemy,
and served the altar of Damascus

18C Reign of Hoshea in Israel chap 17:1-41

Evil king, reigned 9 years, Assyria completely defeats Israel, and
Carries all the remainder of Israel to Assyria, never to be heard from
again. God states His indictment against Israel, vs. 9-23 722 B.C.

2A THE REMAINING KINGDOM OF JUDAH chap 18-25

1B Reign of Hezekiah chap 18-20

Good king, reigned 29 years, defeated Sennacherib when the death angel killed 185,000 Assyrians in one night N.B. 18:5-7

2B Reign of Manasseh chap 21:1-18

Exceedingly wicked king, reigned 55 years, his evil rule insured Judah's captivity for 70 year in Babylon

3B Reign of Amon chap 21:19-26

Evil king, reigned 2 years, murdered by his own servants

4B Reign of Josiah chap 22:1 to 23:30

Good king, reigned 31 years, restored temple, read the scriptures, renewed the covenant with God, and rooted out idolatry N.B. 23:25

5B Reign of Jehoahaz chap 23:31-34

Evil king, reigned 3 months, died in Egypt

6B Reign of Jehoiakim chap 23:35 to 24:7

Evil king, reigned 11 years, first in subjection to Pharaoh, and then to Nebuchadnezzar. The rule of Babylon over Judah begins.

7B Reign of Jehoiachin (Jeconiah) chap 24:8-16

Evil king, reigned 3 months, carried off to Babylon with 10,000 captives

8B Reign of Mattaniah (Zedekiah) chap 24:17 to 25:30

Evil king, reigned 11 years, rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar, rebellion defeated, temple and Jerusalem utterly destroyed, remainder of people carried away to Babylon, except a few people, who fled to Egypt after killing Nebuchadnezzar's vassal Gedaliah. 586 B.C.

THEME: The decline, the destruction, and the captivity of the divided kingdom

Key verse: 2 Kings 17:7-8 For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made.