

Bible Study – Outline

II Kings

A Wasted Life

Summary

Audience	People of Israel
Timeframes	Israel 853 BC – 722BC Ahaziah to Hoshea Judah 853 BC – 586BC Jehoram to Zedekiah

Only two kings were good and one who turned from evil to good.

The concise history of 28 Kings and 30 Prophets

Key People

Jezebel	Naaman	Hesekiah	Josiah
Ben-Haddad	Jehu	Sennacherib	Jehoiakim
Hazael	Joash	Isaiah	Zedekiah
Manasseh	Nebuchadnezzar		Gedaliah

Elijah – 7 Miracles

Elisha – 10 Miracles

The Enemies of Israel and Judah

Moab

Aram – Arameans

Arabs

Philistines

Assyria

Babylonians

Egypt

Key Scriptures

II Kings 2:9,11,14	Parting of waters and the ascension of Elijah
II Kings 2 – 6	Elisha's miracles – Salt, Oil, Healing and floating axehead
II Kings 9 – 10	Jehu – Only King of Israel to be good – then evil
II Kings 10:28	Baal destroyed – but Jehu still worships golden calves
II Kings 11	The trickery of Athaliah
II Kings 12	Joash reigns for 40 years – temple repaired
II Kings 14:12	Judah defeated by Israel
II Kings 14:14	Temple items removed to Samaria
II Kings 16	Ahaz ruins the Temple and builds his own altar
II Kings 17:6	Israel removed to Assyria (3 rd invasion by Assyrians)
II Kings 17:13-18,23	Removed permanently until this day
II Kings 17:19	“And even Judah did not keep the commandments of the Lord..”
II Kings 17:40	“They would not listen..”
II Kings 18:1-8	Hezekiah – no King of Judah like him – before or after Destroys brass serpent of Num. 21:8-9
II Kings 19	Isaiah prophesies the fall of Sennacherib (King of Assyria)
II Kings 19: 31	Remnant of Judah prophesied
II Kings 20	Hezekiah's life is extended
II Kings 20:20	Water in the city
II Kings 21:1-18	Manasseh – more evil than the Amorites
II Kings 23	Joash destroys all gods
II Kings 23:21	Celebrate the Passover
II Kings 25:21	Judah in captivity
II Kings 25:22,25	Gedaliah – appointed governor – then assassinated
II Kings 25	The Fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Temple

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The Reign of Joash in Judah	11:17-12:21
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Discussion Questions

Judah had the only Queen. Who was she, how long did she reign, how was her successor protected, how did she die?

Joash's reign started when he was 7 years old. Who guided him until he was old enough to reign on his own.

How did the Babylonians treat their captives in comparison to the Assyrians?

When did God tell Israel what He would do if they disobeyed Him? (Deu. 28) How was this fulfilled and when?

Jehu – I Kings 10:28 – 31 Destroys Baal worship but still does not turn away from sin – another example for our day?

Hezekiah destroyed the brass snake even though it was given by God to heal those bitten by snakes (Num. 21:8) – why was it acceptable to God for Hezekiah to do it?

Manasseh – one of the most evil Kings – finally repents – II Chronicles 33:11-13, 18-19

Zedekiah was the last King of Judah – the next King was rejected (John 19:14-15) – who will be the next King of Judah and when?

Gedaliah – II Kings 25:23 – friend of Jeremiah? Jer. 40 and 41

How long was Jehoiachin's reign? What happened to him that was different from all the other Kings of Judah – even though he was evil – how long was in prison?

Worshiping in high places – what does that symbolize for us in today's society?
I Kings 22:43, II Kings 12:3; II Kings 14:4; II Kings 15:4,35; II Chron. 33:17

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