

Hebrews 4:12 “For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart.”

The second book of Kings covers about 275 years from 850 - 575 B.C. It is a most interesting book as it involves a time of great spiritual problems among the people of God. The kings have been chosen and their leadership has brought disaster upon the nation set apart for God's purpose. The kingdom is now divided and the effect of spiritual decline is already showing. The value of this book is spiritual as the fate of Israel is clearly shown. This fate grows from the sins of the past and present. This book begins with the divided kingdom and ends with both kingdoms being taken into captivity. This book is not an encouraging book as it shows us the end of the nation that God called to himself. There are many great lessons to be learned about the value of faithfulness to God. The price of sin is always too great.

You can see detailed timelines for Israel and Judah on pages 4 and 6.



Suggested methodology:

1. Let the students have a copy of the lesson well before the class meets. (Perhaps the previous meeting)
2. The students read the Bible book and answer the questions in this lesson before the group meets.
3. At the class meeting allow time for greetings and fellowship. (Save most of this for the end)
4. Take prayer requests (Try to keep it from becoming a competition to see who has the most or the worst.)
5. Pray (The idea here is to leave our troubles with God so we can give His word our attention with a clear mind.)
6. Discuss the questions on page 9. Let those who prefer to listen, listen. My answers, when provided, are just one opinion; you may have a better answer. It might be good to establish the norm that only those who have actually read the book should discuss it aloud.
7. Discuss whatever other questions people have on their mind about the Second Kings.
8. Close in prayer (It is best to call on others to pray, but try to get their permission ahead of time.)
9. Fellowship (Leave this as open ended as possible for the time and place you meet.)

Depending on the number of people, this class is expected to take about two hours.

Copyright Information

All content of this training course not attributed to others is copyrighted, including questions, formatting, and explanatory text. **Copyright © 2014 by Thor F. Carden. All rights reserved.**

Course Logo by Troy Cunningham Copyright © 2014 by Troy Cunningham. All rights reserved. Used by permission. <http://www.lovebiblestudy.com/Troy/art.htm>

Illustrations by Philip Martin Copyright © 2005-2014. All rights reserved. Used by permission. <http://www.phillipmartin.com>

Illustrations by Jeff Larson Copyright © 2000-2014. All rights reserved. Used by permission. <http://www.thebackpew.com>

NASB or **NASV** (New American Standard Bible) Unless otherwise noted, scripture taken from the NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE®, Copyright © 1960, 1962, 1963, 1968, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1995 by The Lockman Foundation. Used by permission.

----- PRICE INFORMATION -----

This material is provided at no cost to those in jail or prison. If you are not incarcerated you have permission to print and copy these course materials as much as you like as long as you make payment for their use and keep this page intact with the contents. This is not free, except to those who are in jail or prison, and although we are a ministry, we are not a non-profit organization. We expect to be paid, to help finance our ministry to the incarcerated. We suggest two different ways of determining the price.

(1) Take up an offering from the students at the end of the course, and send it to us.

OR

(2) Pray about it and pay us what God tells you to send.

Of course, we have designed the website so that there is nothing to stop you from just downloading and printing the course. If you think it is worth nothing, why are you using it? If you think God would have you take or teach this course and you have no money to pay for it, I urge you to reconsider. If God does not want you to use this course He might be trying to let you know that by withholding funds. Or He might have some other purpose, like teaching you to humbly ask somebody else to fund it. Or maybe something else, but if we worship the same God, He would not have you just take it without regard to our wishes. We hope to make enough money to continue producing and providing these lessons. If God does not bless this ministry with financial encouragement, we will take that as pretty strong evidence He does not want us to make any more of these lessons available.

We prefer that you mail us a check, but you may also pay by credit card via PayPal.

Love Bible Study

PO Box 1075

Goodlettsville, TN 37070-1075

Paypal information at

<http://www.LoveBibleStudy.com/price.htm>

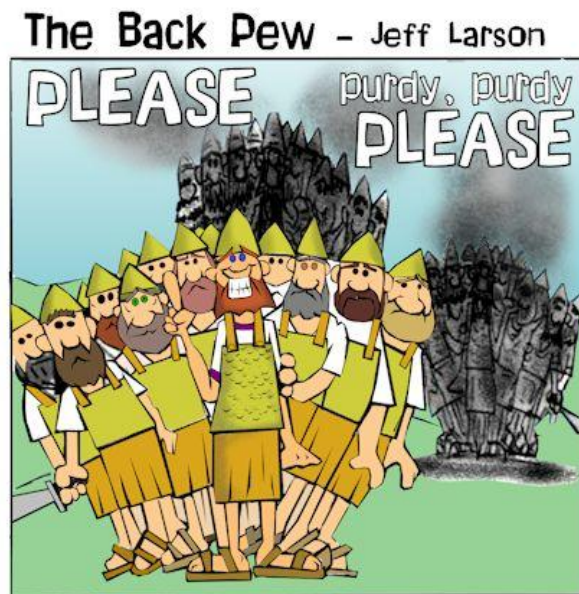
Second Kings Chapters 1 to 8

Elijah the Prophet

Here we see that God is still involved with his people but the King has turned his back on God. One hundred of the king's soldiers have been killed by the hand of God before the prophet Elijah consents to go to the presence of the king. The problem is that the king tries to command God rather than serve him. Elijah is taken up to heaven in a whirlwind.

Read chapters 1-2 of 2nd Kings and answer the following questions:

- [1] What did the third captain do differently than the first two? _____
- [2] What did Elisha request of Elijah? _____



and King Ahaziah sent a 3rd captain with 50 men to GET Elijah. After passing 102 charred bodies.. captain #3 decided to use the magic word. **|| Kings 1:1-15**

Elisha the Prophet

We see the miracle supply of water to the army of God's people. Then we notice the widow who from a small source poured enough surplus of oil to sell and pay all her debts and have extra to live on. Then the prophet restores life to a small boy, and later Naaman is healed of leprosy. Next an axe head floats, and then Elisha traps the Aramean army. Still later, the entire Aramean army is put to flight by God during the night and the siege on Samaria ended with a rich camp for the hungry inhabitants to plunder. Read chapters 3-8 of 2nd Kings and answer the following questions:

- [3] How were the trenches filled with water? _____
- [4] How much oil was provided for the widow? _____
- [5] How was Gehazi punished for his greed and lies? _____
- [6] What did Elisha's servant see protecting them at Dothan? _____
- [7] What happened to the officer or lord that did not believe Elisha? _____
- [8] How did Elisha protect the woman whose son he resurrected from the famine? _____

----- ANSWERS -----

- [1] What did the third captain do differently than the first two? Begged for his life 2Kgs 1:9-14
- [2] What did Elisha request of Elijah? A double portion of his spirit 2Kgs 2:9
- [3] How were the trenches filled with water? It flowed from Edom. 2Kgs 3:20
- [4] How much oil was provided for the widow?
Just enough to fill all the empty jars she could find or borrow. 2Kgs 4:1-7
- [5] How was Gehazi punished for his greed and lies. He became a leper. 2Kgs 5:27
- [6] What did Elisha's servant see protecting them at Dothan? Horses and chariots of fire 2Kgs 6:17
- [7] What happened to the officer or lord that did not believe Elisha?
He was trampled to death 2Kgs 7:17
- [8] How did Elisha protect the woman whose son he resurrected from the famine?
He sent her to live in another country. 2Kgs 8:1-2

Timeline for Israel

The Kings of Israel (Northern Kingdom)

#	Name	Date BC	Scripture References
8	Ahaziah	853-852	II Kings 1:2-18
9	Jehoram	852-841	II Kings 3
10	Jehu	841-814	II Kings 9:11-10:36
11	Jehoahaz	814-798	II Kings 13:1-9
12	Jehoash (Joash)	798-782	II Kings 13:10-25; 14:15-16
13	Jeroboam II	793-753	II Kings 14:23-29
14	Zachariah	753	II Kings 15:8-12
15	Shallum	752	II Kings 15:13-15
16	Menahem	752-742	II Kings 15:16-22
17	Pekahiah	742-740	II Kings 15:23-26
18	Pekah	752-732	II Kings 15:27-31
19	Hoshea	732-722	II Kings 17:1-6

Israel enslaved by the Assyrians 722 B.C. - returning to the land only now.



phillipmartin.info

Martin

Second Kings Chapters 9 to 17

Jehu

Here is the closing of the history of Ahab and Jezebel as all their friends and family as well as the prophets of Baal are killed because of their great sin.

Read chapters 9-10 of 2nd Kings and answer the following questions:

- [9] How was Jehu anointed as king of Israel? _____
- [10] How did Jehu gather the Baal worshippers to slaughter them? _____

The Fall of Israel

Both nations have turned to sin, and not much good can be said for this period of time, although there were a few good kings. The events in both nations are followed here. Finally we have the end of the kingdom of Israel with a clear explanation that this nation is ended because of their sinful ways.

Read chapters 11-17 of 2nd Kings and answer the following questions:

- [11] How long was Athaliah Queen of Judah? _____
- [12] How were the temple repairs funded? _____
- [13] What was the final miracle of Elisha? _____
- [14] Who won the war between Judah and Israel? _____
- [15] How did Menahem save Israel from Assyria? _____
- [16] How did Ahaz save Judah from Syria? _____
- [17] Why did God destroy Israel? _____

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



In stark contrast to Elijah's exit to Heaven on a Chariot of Fire, Jezebel is thrown from her window, trampled by horses and eaten by dogs. **2 Kings 9:30-37**

----- ANSWERS -----

[9] How was Jehu anointed as king of Israel?

The prophet poured the oil and ran 2Kgs 9:1-10

[10] How did Jehu gather the Baal worshippers to slaughter them?

He tricked them into coming to a feast. 2Kgs 10:18-28

[11] How long was Athaliah Queen of Judah? Seven years 2Kgs 11:3-4

[12] How were the temple repairs funded? God's people contributed money. 2Kgs 12:8-12

[13] What was the final miracle of Elisha? A dead man thrown in his grave came back alive 2Kgs 13:21

[14] Who won the war between Judah and Israel? Israel 2Kgs 14:12

[15] How did Menahem save Israel from Assyria? He paid him money 2Kgs 15:19-20

[16] How did Ahaz save Judah from Syria? He hired mercenaries to fight for him. 2Kgs 16:7-9

[17] Why did God destroy Israel? Because they worshipped other Gods 2Kgs 17:7-23

Timeline for Judah

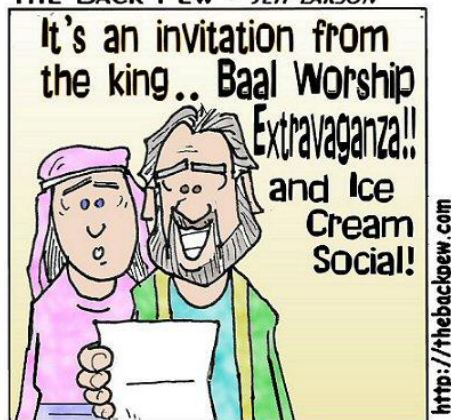
The Kings of Judah (Southern Kingdom)

#	The Kings of Judah	Date BC	Scripture References
5	Jehoram	853-841	II Kings 8:16-24
6	Ahaziah	841	II Kings 8:25-29; 9:27-29
7	Athaliah, (illegitimate queen)	841-835	II Kings 11:1-16
8	Jehoash (Joash)	835-796	II Kings 12
9	Amaziah	796-767	II Kings 14:1-20
10	Uzziah (Azariah)	790-739	II Kings 14:21-22; 15:1-7
11	Jotham	750-731	II Kings 15:32-38
12	Ahaz	735-715	II Kings 16
13	Hezekiah	715-686	II Kings 18-20
14	Manasseh	695-642	II Kings 21:1-18
15	Amon	642-640	II Kings 21:19-26
16	Josiah	640-609	II Kings 22:1-23:30
17	Jehoahaz	609-3 months	II Kings 23:31-33
18	Jehoiakim	609-598	II Kings 23:34-24:7
19	Jehoiachin	597	II Kings 24:8-16
20	Zedekiah	597-586	II Kings 24:17-25:7

Judah enslaved to the Babylonians 586 B.C.

Judah's return from exile began in 535 B.C. (Ezra & Nehemiah)

THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



King Jehu invites the Baal worshippers to temple with a little white lie.. THERE WAS NO ICE CREAM!! and oh yes, they were all killed!
2 Kings 10:18-27

Second Kings Chapters 18 to 25

Good Kings Hezekiah and Josiah

Hezekiah rules well in Judah but is followed by two bad kings. Then Josiah became king at the age of 8 years, and after 10 years of his rule the Book of the Law is found where it had been forgotten in the temple. This book is brought to the king and one of the most vigorous spiritual revivals ever was started. Many articles of Baal and other gods were removed from the temple, and then a great energy was spent destroying the altars on the high places. King Josiah did what was right in the sight of the Lord.

Read chapters 18-23 of 2nd Kings and answer the following questions:

[18] What was different about Hezekiah and the other kings of Judah before and after him?

[19] How was Jerusalem saved from Sennacherib king of Assyria? _____

[20] How did the Lord confirm his promise to Hezekiah? _____

[21] What were the names of the two bad kings? _____

[22] What did they find in the temple when they were repairing it? _____

[23] What was celebrated for the first time in centuries? _____

The Fall of Judah

Following the reign of Josiah the end of the kingdom is in sight. It is only a matter of time until Nebuchadnezzar marches on Jerusalem and takes the people away to Babylonian captivity.

Read chapters 24-25 of 2nd Kings and answer the following questions:

[24] Who decided that Mattaniah, or Zedekiah, would be king of Judah? _____

[25] What happened to Jerusalem? _____

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



That night the angel of the Lord went out and killed 185,000 men in the Assyrian camp, like an Old Testament Terminator! **2 Kings 19:35**

----- ANSWERS -----

[18] What was different about Hezekiah and the other kings of Judah before and after him?

He trusted in the Lord 2Kgs 18:5

[19] How was Jerusalem saved from Sennacherib king of Assyria?

The Angel of the Lord killed his army. 2Kgs 19:32-36

[20] How did the Lord confirm his promise to Hezekiah? The shadow moved backwards 2Kgs 20:8-11

[21] What were the names of the two bad kings? Manasseh and Amon 2Kgs 21

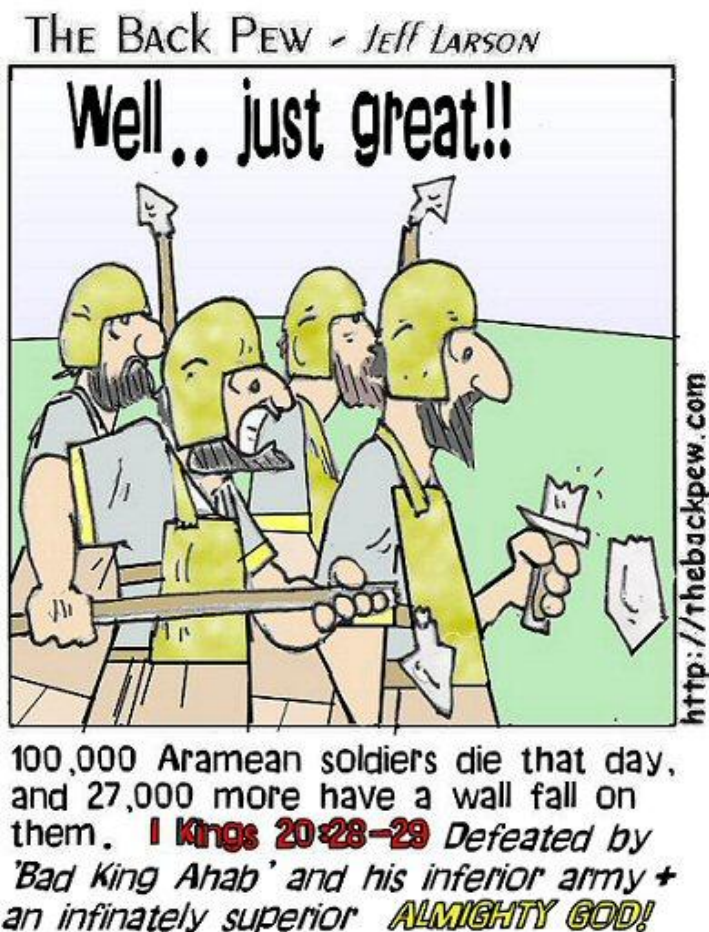
[22] What did they find in the temple when they were repairing it? The book of God's laws 2Kgs 22:5-9

[23] What was celebrated for the first time in centuries? The Passover 2Kgs 23:21-23

[24] Who decided that Mattaniah, or Zedekiah, would be king of Judah.

Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon 2Kgs 24:17

[25] What happened to Jerusalem? It was destroyed 2Kgs 25:8-17



(1) Which of Elisha's miracles are like the miracles of Jesus?

Think & Pray _____

(2) In 2nd Kings 9:1-10 why do you think the prophet was told to run after pouring the oil on Jehu?

Think & Pray _____

(3) Compare 2nd Kings 19:20-28 with Isaiah 1:1, Isaiah 5:24; Isaiah 10:5; Isaiah 19:6; Isaiah 30:11-15; and Isaiah 45:7. What do you see that is similar? What do you see that is different?

Think & Pray _____

(4) If someone asked you what Second Kings was about what would you say?

Think & Pray _____

(5) How can the lessons of Second Kings be applied to our own life?

Think & Pray _____

(6) Which verse or passage would you select to memorize from Second Kings? Why?

Think & Pray _____

If you have any questions about Second Kings, now is the time to discuss them with your classmates.

----- ANSWERS -----

(1) Elisha & Jesus I found four similar miracles between Jesus and Elisha: (A) Elisha raising of the Shunammite's son is similar to Jesus raising Lazarus and others from the dead. (B) Elisha multiplying food (bread) is like Jesus feeding the 5,000 with a few loaves of bread and some fishes, and (C) Elisha healing Naaman the leper is like Jesus healing the lepers. (D) 2 Kings 13:21 "As they were burying a man, behold, they saw a marauding band; and they cast the man into the grave of Elisha. And when the man touched the bones of Elisha he revived and stood up on his feet." We have life by the death of Jesus

(2) Run! My guess is Jehu was a man of war. If he objected to having oil poured on him the prophet might have been killed, or at least scarred by Jehu's angry response. Of course, I could be wrong. The Bible does not say for sure.

(3) Isaiah The two books refer to each other, quote each other, and confirm each other:

2 Kings 19:20	Is 1:1
2 Kings 19:22	Is 5:24; 30:11-15
2 Kings 19:23	Is 10:18
2 Kings 19:24	Is 19:6
2 Kings 19:25	Is 45:7, Is 10:5

(4) Second Kings Summary The second book of Kings is a most interesting book as it involves a time of great spiritual problems among the people of God. The kings have been chosen and their leadership has brought disaster upon the nation set apart for God's purpose. The kingdom is now divided and the effect of spiritual decline is already showing. The value of this book is spiritual as the fate of Israel is clearly shown. This fate grows from the sins of the past and present. This book begins with the divided kingdom and ends with both kingdoms being taken into captivity. This book is not an encouraging book as it shows us the end of the nation that God called to himself.

(5) Second Kings Life Application There are many great lessons to be learned about the value of faithfulness to God. Our God is not some myth that someone made up one time and has been perpetuated forward in time by naïve people. He is a powerful force in history who appears again and again to direct events, judge nations, and keep His promises. The price of sin is always too great. 2nd Kings closes with God's people carried away to captivity, but God will rescue them, as He does us.

(6) Something to Remember I like 2nd Kings 17:39 "But the LORD your God you shall fear; and He will deliver you from the hand of all your enemies."