

Cover to Cover: From Genesis to Maps
Sermon # 13 – “2 Kings”
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A Tale of Two Kingdoms

The Northern Kingdom (Israel)
Capital: Samaria

20 kings
9 dynasties
All recognized as evil

In 722 BC the Assyrians overran
& defeated the Northern Kingdom

The Southern Kingdom (Judah)
Capital: Jerusalem

20 kings
1 dynasty (David)
8 recognized as good

In 586 BC, the Babylonians came &
carried into captivity the majority of
people who lived in the South

Judah lasted approximately 134
years longer than Israel

1. The Decline of Israel and Judah. Chapter 1-16

In Chapter 2, we are introduced to the prophet Elisha—Elijah’s understudy/
successor. He would become the dominate prophetic figure of his era (2 Kings) as
Elijah had been before him (1 Kings)

- Elisha’s devotion.
- Elisha’s request (2:9).
- Elijah’s departure (2:11-12). Elijah became the world’s first astronaut.

Elijah and Enoch (Genesis 5:24, Hebrews 11:5) would be the only two persons to
never experience death.

- Elisha’s faith (6:15-18).

2. Israel’s Collapse. Chapter 17

- How did it happen?
 - The nation forgot God. v. 7
 - The nation secretly disobeyed. vv. 8-9
 - The nation openly rebelled. vv. 10-12

- The nation resisted God's call. vv. 13-15
- The nation sold itself out to do evil. vv. 16-17
- The Results. v. 23b-24, 33
 - The people of Israel were deported from their homeland.
 - Samaria was resettled by outsiders.
 - This displacement gave rise to a people group known as the Samaritans, whom were viewed negatively by the Jews of Jesus' day.

3. The Surviving Southern Kingdom Continues On. Chapters 18-24

- King # 13 – Hezekiah – Reigned 29 years – Good
 - Led a rebellion against Assyria
- King # 14 – Manasseh – Reigned 55 years – Evil (Longest reign)
 - Repented in the end, but too late to benefit his son.
- King # 15 – Amon – Reigned 2 years – Evil
 - Assassinated
- King # 16 – Josiah – Reigned 31 years – Good
 - Became king at the age of 8. Died at the age of 39.
 - Led the nation through a period of revival and reform.
 - Stayed God's Hand of judgment for a time, but judgment was inevitable.
- Josiah's Successors – 4 weak, short-term kings (3 sons, one grandson)

4. The Fall of Jerusalem & Deportation to Babylon. Chapter 25

- They lost their king.
- The city was destroyed.
- The land was overrun.
- The Temple was disgraced.