

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 1-14

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# Administrative Information

- The Bible Study Class will be presented in the parish hall every Tuesday morning from **9:30 A.M. until 11 A.M.** beginning September 13, 2016 and ending **May 24, 2017** except for the following Tuesdays related to a holiday:
  - Nov 8, 2016 – Election Day
  - **Nov 22, 2016 – Thanksgiving Week**
  - Dec 20, 2016 – Christmas Week
  - Dec 27, 2016 - New Year's Week
  - Apr 11, 2017 – Holy Week
- The same class will be given every Tuesday evening from **7:30 until 9:00 P.M.** in the parish hall
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- Inclement weather decision will be **based on Fairfax County Public School announcements**

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 6

- In **2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 6** *Elisha*:

- Presents the miraculous recovery of an ax head from the Jordan River (**2 K 6:1-7**)
- Turns a bunch of Syrian troops over to the king of *Israel* with instructions to feed them rather than kill them, resulting in their returning home and not conducting future raids against *Israel* (**2 K 6: 8-23**)
- Is accused by the King of Israel of causing the severe famine in the land resulting in acts of infanticide and cannibalism (**2 K 6:24-33**) \*

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 7

- In **2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 7** *Elisha*:
- Prophecies about the lifting of the famine when the Syrian army mysteriously flees from their camp allowing the Israelites to plunder their camp for food as prophesied (**2 K 7:1-20**) \*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 8

- In **2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 8** *Elisha*:
- Tells the woman and son he raised from the dead at ***Shunem* (2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 8:1-2)** to flee from the upcoming 7 year famine
- Upon their return *Gehazi*, the servant of *Elisha*, was relating the story of this woman and her son to the King *Joram* of Israel who upon meeting her directed that her house be restored (**2 K 8:3-6**)

# Israelite Kings Date Chart

(Based on the chronology of John Bright)

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The United Monarchy				
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The Divided Kingdoms				
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			Abijah	915-913
901-900	Nadab		Asa	913-873
900-877	Baasha			
877-876	Elah		Jehoshaphat	873-849
876	Zimri	Tibni		
876-869	Omri			
869-850	Ahab			
850-849	Ahaziah			
849-843	Joram (Jehoram)		Jehoram	849-843
843-815	Jehu		Ahaziah	843
			Athaliah (non-Davidic Queen)	843-837
815-802	Jehoahaz		Joash	837-800
802-786	Jehoash (Joash)		Amaziah	800-783
786-746	Jeroboam II		Uzziah (Azariah)	783-742
746-745	Zachariah		Jotham (co-regent)	750-742
745	Shallum		Jotham (king)	742-735
745-737	Menahem			
737-736	Pekahiah			
736-732	Pekah			
732-724	Hoshea			
721	Fall of Samaria		Ahaz	735-715
			Hezekiah	715-687
			Manasseh	687-642
			Amon	642-640
			Josiah	640-609
			Jehoahaz	609
			Jehoikim (Eliakim)	609-598
			Jehoiachin (Jeconiah)	598-597
			Zedekiah (Mattaniah)	597-587



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 8 (Cont)

- At this point we see ***Elisha*** fulfilling the mission given by God to ***Elijah*** on Mt Sinai in **1st Kings 19:15-17\***
- ***Elisha*** anoints ***Hazael as King of Syria*** and weeps because he knows how much damage he will do to the people of Israel
- ***Jehoram (Joram)*** of ***Judea*** marries ***Athaliah***, the daughter of ***Ahab*** and ***Jezebel***
- ***Edom*** revolts
- ***Amaziah***, son of ***Jehoram***, becomes king of ***Judah***; his mother, ***Athaliah***, was the **granddaughter of *Omri* King of *Israel*** \*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 9

- *Elisha* directs one of the sons of the prophets to anoint ***Jehu*** King of Israel, who in turn kills *Joram* King of Israel and throws his body in the field of *Naboth* (**2K 9:1-26**)
- Upon seeing this *Ahaziah*, King of Judah, flees with *Jehu* following him and upon catching him **kills him at Megiddo** (**2K 9:27-28**)
- *Jehu* goes to *Jezreel* where he has the eunuchs of Queen *Jezebel* throw her out of the window of her house killing her (**2 K 9:29-37**)
- This fulfilled the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah (**1K 21:23**)\*



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 10

- King *Jehu* of Israel:
  - Slays all of the 70 sons of *Ahab* in *Jezreel* as prophesied by *Elijah* in 1 K 21:21-22 (**2 K 10:1-11**)
  - Meets and kills the relatives of ***Ahazah***, King of Judah, who had come to visit the prince and sons of the Queen mother (**2 K 10:12-14**)
  - Rounds up all the worshipers of *Baal* in *Samaria* and puts them to the sword (**2 K 10:15-27**)
  - Was praised by the Lord who promised that his sons would sit on the throne of *Israel* **for 4 generations** (**2 K 10:28-36**)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 10 (Cont)

- Failed to turn away from the sins of *Jeroboam* (the worship of *Apis* the golden calf)

King *Hazael* of Syria begins to attack and capture many places in Israel

*Jehu* dies and is succeeded by his son *Jehoahaz* \*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 11

- Meanwhile in **Judah**, (after King *Ahaziah* was killed by *Jehu*), **Athaliah**, the Queen Mother, attempts to kill all of the royal family, and then begins to rule
- *Jehosheba*, the daughter of King *Joram*, sister of King *Ahaziah*, and wife of the priest *Jehoiada*, took *Joash*, the remaining son of King *Ahaziah* and hides him for six years
- In the seventh year *Jehoiada* the priest called on the king's guards to protect the young man, anointed him King of Judah, and calls for the death of **Athaliah**
- The people then destroyed the temple of Baal\*

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 12

- *Jehoash* reigned for 40 years and he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord but did not take down the high places
- He sought to collect money to repair the Temple (**2 K 12:1-16**)
- *Hazael*, King of Syria, after capturing parts of Israel, came to attack Jerusalem
- *Jehoash* took money and treasures from the Temple and paid off King *Hazel* who withdrew
- The sons of the King's servants entered into an agreement and killed King *Jehoash* (*Joash*)
- His son *Amaziah* reigned in his stead (**2 K 12:17-21**) \*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 13

- During this time *Jehoahaz*, son of *Jehu*, reigned in Israel for 17 years in Samaria
- *Israel* was constantly attacked by *Hazael* of *Syria* who eventually destroyed the army of Israel
- *Jehoahaz* dies and is succeeded by his son *Joash* who reigned for 16 years during which time he continued to fight with *Judah*
- *Joash* dies and is replaced by *Jeroboam II* (**2 K 13:1-13**)
- Now we return to the final story about the Prophet *Elisha*
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 13 (Cont)

- *Elisha* becomes sick and is about to die
- *Joash*, King of Israel, goes to see him and weeps before him
- *Elisha* directs Joash to perform a few acts with his bow and arrows and then promises that Israel will defeat the *Syrians* in three battles

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 13 (Cont)

- *Elisha* dies and is buried in a cave
- After a time a band of *Moabites* comes and interrupts a funeral procession causing the men to throw the dead man's body into the tomb of *Elisha*
- As soon as the body touched the corpse of *Elisha* the dead man is restored to life!
- *Elisha* had previously demonstrated the power to raise people from the dead but here we see that his dead body also has the power to do the same



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 13 (Cont)

- From acts like this the Church developed her theology of “relics”
- If God can raise someone from the dead through *Elisha* when he is alive, He can raise someone from the dead after *Elisha* was dead
- Thus Judeo-Christian tradition has always had the custom of keeping things that touched someone who was touched by God
- So if someone touches a piece of clothing of a prophet, he was touching the prophet

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 13 (Cont)

- We see this in the Acts of the Apostles when the people took pieces of cloth and touched them to Paul and then touched the cloth to the sick and they were healed
- This is what is called a 2<sup>nd</sup> class relic \*