

Second Kings Outline

Introduction: Second Kings finishes the Deuteronomistic history that takes us from Moses and the people in the promised land all the way through the great Judean Reformation and the ultimate tragedy of the Babylonian Exile. In Second Kings we meet Elisha, who takes over for Elijah. And we also meet an almost uncountable number of kings, which is part of the reason the book is so aptly named. Most importantly, we see the fall of the Northern kingdom, and the ultimate destruction of the Southern kingdom as well.

Section One: Elisha cycle

Chapter 1: Elijah prophesies against Ahaziah

Chapter 2: Elijah parts the Jordan; Elijah taken in chariot of fire; Elisha receives mantle and parts Jordan; small miracles

Chapter 3: Ahaziah of Judah succeeds Jehoram (J); Elisha prophesies to the three kings against Moab

Chapter 4: Elisha multiplies oil, Elisha raises Shunamite woman's son, Elisha feeds the multitudes

Chapter 5: Healing of Naaman

Chapter 6: Elisha blinds and restores sight; an order is given to kill Elisha

Chapter 7: Elisha predicts the raiding of the Aramean camp

Chapter 8: Elisha predicts Ben-Hadad's recovery and death; m

Chapter 9: Elisha orders Jehu anointed king of Judah; Jehu kills Joram of Israel at Naboth's vineyard; Jehu kills Ahaziah of Judah; Jehu has painted Jezebel thrown to her death (I)

Chapter 10: Jehu kills Ahab's sons, kills prophets of Baal

Chapter 11: Queen Athaliah rules in Judah, killed and the boy Jehoash becomes king (J)

Chapter 12: Amaziah succeeds Joash (J)

Chapter 13: Jehoahaz rules in Israel (I); Jehoash succeeds Jehoahaz (I); Elisha dies

Section Two: Disintegration and Fall of Israel

Chapter 14: Amaziah succeeds Joash (J); Judah battles Israel and loses; Jereboam II succeeds Jehoash (I)

Chapter 15: Azariah succeeds Amaziah (J); Zechariah succeeds Jehoash (I); multiple kings; rise of Tigleth-Pileser of Assyria

Chapter 16: Ahaz rules in Judah; visits Assyria and builds Assyrian altar

Chapter 17: Fall of the Northern kingdom

Section Three: The Judean Reformation

Chapter 18: Hezekiah rules in Judah and issues reform; besieged by Sennacherib of Assyria

Chapter 19: Hezekiah consults with Isaiah; Judah triumphs over Assyria

Chapter 20: Hezekiah sick and welcomes Babylonian king; Manasseh succeeds Hezekiah

Chapter 21: Amon succeeds Manasseh; King Josiah rules; Hilkiah and discovery of Deuteronomy

Chapter 22: Josiah's reformation

Chapter 23: Reformation continued, multiple kings follow

Section Four: Babylonian Exile

Chapter 24: Rise of Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon; N besieges Jerusalem, first exile

Chapter 25: Jerusalem destroyed and temple burned to ground, second exile

Stories to know: Elijah being taken in a chariot of fire (Chapter 2:1-14); the fall of the Northern kingdom and creation of Samaria (Chapter 17:1-6; 29-34); the Babylonian exile (Chapter 25:1-12)