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### Second Kings

C1 Vss 1-18. After Ahab's death Moab attacks Israel, Ahaziah falls and messengers seek an answer from Baalzebub, Elijah confronts messengers. Is there no God in Israel?, messengers tell the king he will die, he sends for Elijah to come, Elijah refuses, two times groups of 50 killed, third time the commander begs not to be killed, Elijah returned with him but had the same message, the king died

C2 Vss. 1-25. Another king arises in Israel with the same problem as his predecessor. He 's so lost he sends to Baal-zebub to answer whether he will live. He will die.

There's not even repentance as with Ahab. And several people die seeking an answer for him. We make this point often about leadership. It is fatal for the people when leadership is correct.

When The Lord was about to take Elijah away, Elisha promised to stay close, they went to Bethel together, the prophets asked if Elisha knew about Elijah, Elisha told them not to say anything, Elijah and Elisha went to Jericho though Elijah told Elijah to stay behind, the prophets their also told Elisha the same, onto the Jordan River they traveled, Joshua split the Jordan and they walked across, Elisha asked for a double share of Elijah's spirit, If he sees Elijah when he is taken he would, a chariot of fire with horses of fire separated the two men. Elijah taken away,

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Commentary: The experience of a protege who will not let go of his mentor is so important. Elisha held to Elijah in a very healthy way. He finally asked what he desired. He asked for a double portion of Elijah's spirit. There's nothing wrong with such a request as long as 1. The person is willing to make the sacrifice 2. The person vows to use the power in service of The Lord.

Leaders of Jericho tell Elisha the water is bad and land unproductive, he requested a new bowl with salt in it. He sprinkled salt in the water that supplied the town, he proclaimed The Lord purified the water, no more death or infertility, going to Bethel boys mocked his bald head, two bears mauled forty two of them

Commentary: Soon Elisha demonstrates his authority acting to help the elders of Jericho. The water was deadly killing the fertility of people and produce. This is a foreshadow with Jesus being the Living Water.

The boys' experience serves notice to everyone about the sacredness of leaders. Often they are treated poorly without a cause. It's not a healthy idea to mistreat leaders or God's people. What may seem extreme simply underlines how prohibited it is to be involved with such folly.

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C3-5

C3 Vss 1-27 Joram rules over Israel Ahab's son 12 years, he did evil, but not to the extent of his father and mother, Joram launched a campaign against the king of Moab, Jehoshaphat agrees to help, the king of Edom joined, Jehoshaphat requests a prophet of The Lord. Elisha says The Lord will give you victory, Moabites fooled by an illusion of blood at Israel and are defeated

Commentary: Again, Jehoshaphat is invited to assist his king relative in Israel. He calls for a prophet of The Lord, who reveals they will be victorious. The victory is made possible by an illusion God performs causing the Arameans to walk into slaughter. There are two types of warfare responses when God impacts the enemy. He caused the enemy to run with fear. Demons flee! Or causes them to advance to their utter destruction.

C4 1-44 a woman said she could not pay her debts, Elisha told her to fill jars with olive oil, she continued to fill hard with the flask if olive oil she had until there were no more jars, Elisha said now go pay your debt

Commentary: Foreshadowing Jesus when he places His hands on resources, Elisha continues to demonstrate the double-portion spirit of Elijah. The woman just keeps pouring olive oil from her flask. She ran out of jars before she ran out of olive oil. What a God we serve.

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Elisha in Shunem where a wealthy lady lives, she made a living place for Elisha, she didn't have a son, the prophet tells her she will have a son, and she did, the child died, she seeks Elisha, returning he placed his mouth in the child's mouth, eye in the child's eye and hands on the child's hand the child sneezed seven times and awakened,

Commentary: A wealthy woman prepares a place for the man of God. It's a blessing to be a blessing to those who bring the Gospel. The child dies and she simply goes to the same source who blessed her with the news of a child in the first place. We must stay with the source of our hope and strength.

Gilgal there was a famine in the land, prophets food was poisoned but Elisha with flour sanctified the food, a man bought him fresh grain and barley, he said feed the people with it, his servant said feed a hundred people? Elisha again said feed it to the people, they received the food with plenty left over

Commentary: Again we see a foreshadowing of Jesus, particularly with the basic necessities. Food is both sanctified and multiplied through his leaders and for his people.

C5. 1-27. Naaman was a great warrior but he had leprosy, through him The Lord had given Aram great victories, they invaded Israel and they captured a little girl, she told him to see the prophet of Samaria, they carried gifts, Elisha sent message telling Naaman to wash in the Jordan, Naaman as angry, his officers convinced him to obey the prophet, Naaman was healed, he offered a gift to the prophet but he would not take it, Naaman asked to be pardoned when he had to participate in god worship with the king, granted

Commentary: Here another illustration for a gentile demonstrating they were always in God's plan.

Gehazi returns to Naaman for gifts, Elisha asked him where he had been. As a result Gehazi was stricken with Leprosy

Commentary: This is 1. The result of greed 2: Shows the seriousness of following leadership. It is a pattern much like Achan. God provides the order for when it is time to receive wherewithal. It's so important not to give the impression that God's enterprise is about making money.

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C6-8

C6. 1~33 a group of prophets came to Elisha desiring to build a larger place, while cutting a tree one lost a ax head in the river, Elisha caused it to float to the surface.

Commentary: Much like Peter walking on water, the man of God performs an act counter

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to the physical sciences. These are not acts to self-aggrandize but to demonstrate God's presence with the man of God and power.

The king of Aram was at war with Israel, Elisha kept warning Israel in ways to be alert. The king if Aram attempts to find Elisha, one morning his servant for up and could see all of the kings men surrounding them, but Elisha had him look again and the king's men where surrounded by chariots of fire. Elisha requested blindness upon them, he led them into Samaria and prayed their elegies open, they were trapped

Commentary: This seen shows the presence of God, and demonstrates how to see God through threatening circumstances. We need to always see the chariots of fire surrounding our circumstances. Paul said, "all things work together for good to those who love God and are called to his purposes."

Elisha's deception is a point of discussion for many. Jesus said the children of darkness are much shrewder than the children of light (.) This is an excellent illustration of deception that is acceptable to The Lord. We find people accusing us of imposing our faith when we use paid advertising to promote Jesus. It's Satan crying foul that we would use the same media he uses to promote his devices of darkness .

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A great famine in Samaria when Benhadad attacked, there was great famine in the land. Woman tells the king about her agreement with another woman to eat there sons, after eating her son, the other woman his her son, the king was completely in despair, the king vowed to kill Elisha, the king said why I wait for The Lord

Commentary: The consequences of sin upon a nation are so dramatic. God promised he would provide every necessity if people followed his statutes. The story of two women agreeing to eat their children is so abhorrent the king is shattered.

C7 1-20. Elisha says this time tomorrow five quarts of flower will inky cost one piece of silver, kings officers said impossible even if The Lord opened the windows of heaven Leakers give themselves to the Arameans who are not there, they fled into the night hearing what they thought were armies against them, the keepers eat their full but tell the towns people

Commentary: People lose hope when there is any desire that seems to never be filled. It cools be a career or looking for a companion. What this experience reveals is that God can brings to pass in ways we cannot imagine! We cannot imagine! We need to be faithful and ready

The king thought it was a strategy, but after sending out scouts they found the Arameans were not in the camp, the people of Samaria plundered the camp, so it was true that 5 quarts of flour sold for a silver coin, the officer who said it could not happened was trampled by the people.

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Commentary: Unbelief is always a killer. The king's caution was understandable. But when God's man with a proven record tells what would happen it's not good to stand as a critic impacting people with unbelief.

C8 1-29

The woman from Shunem told by Elisha to leave Samaria because of impending famine. She went to the land of the Philistines but returned after seven years, Gehazi told the king the great things Elisha had done and she confirmed, she had everything restored to her

Commentary: We have found that as much as we like to plan for the future, there are circumstances where we need to move swiftly. God cares for us, and has our future in his hands. This helps us to stay calm about our circumstances.

Elisha went to Damascus the capital of Aram where Benhadad was sick, Hazael finds him and gives him gifts to tell him whether the king would recover, the king will recover, but, Elisha cries that Hazael will do great harm to Israel, he'll become king of Aram, Hazael returns to Aram and tells the king he will recover. The next day Hazael smothered the king to death and became king,

Commentary: There is no doubt that God gives extraordinary insight to his anointed ones. Everyone in Christ today is saved. However there are persons who have invested in the faith in prayer, study, and living for God. These illustrations show that God gives insight to those who have a sincere and determined conviction.

Jehoram son of Jehoshaphat rules in Judah, he was like the kings of Israel. He ruled 8 years, he married one of Ahab's daughters, the Edomites revolted during his reign, Ahaziah becomes king, he followed the evil of the kings of Israel.

Commentary: It is true that evil influence seems to have more power than good. We see a shift in the kings of Judah. Given the passage of time they are becoming more like their relatives in Israel.

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C9-11

C9vss 1-37 Elisha calls prophets, get ready to travel, they anoint Jehu next king of Israel, he anoints Jehu and tells him to destroy Ahab's descendants, Jehu killed Joram, Ahaziah of Judah saw it, Jehu shot Ahaziah, Jezebel she yelled down seeing Joram, he ordered eunuchs to throw her down.

Commentary: Like a movie, this represents another view of how Ahab's family is

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destroyed fulfilling God's command after Naboth's murder. Nothing can be done to prevent God's word from being performed.

C10 Vss 1-36. Ahab at 70 sons, the leaders killed all the sons of Ahab, Jehu killed all of Ahab's relatives at Jezreel, Jehu called all the elders of Samaria, he ordered a solemn assembly to worship Baal, his men killed them all with the sword, he destroyed every trace of Baal worship but not the Golden Calves, The Lord was pleased, but Joram followed Jetoboam

Commentary: It seems to be unusual that Joram would be the instrument in the Lord's hand, but he is. He shows that The Lord can use anyone or anything to accomplish His will.

C11 Vss 1-21. Athaliah becomes queen mother in Judah she destroyed the royal line of David, Jehoshasheba hid Joash, Joash remained in the temple hidden for six years, Jehoida showed the commanders Joash, the commanded did everything ordered, the priest coronated Joash supported by commanders. Athaliah screamed treason, she was taken outside the city gates and killed her. Jehoida the priest with the king, a revival was instituted,

Commentary: This story transitions to Judah where the mother queen attempts to control her reign by killing all the male descendants of David. She was challenging God's covenant with David. She almost was successful. The priest hid him and at the right time began the effort to institute his throne.

Meanwhile it is clear Athaliah harmful not won the affection of the people. The Lord establishes His will and is faithful. "Again and Again."

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C12-14

C12vss 1-21 Joash ruled forty years, he did what was pleasing to The Lord, Jehoidah instructed him, Joash calls the priests to repair the temple. Hazael of Aram was going to attack Judah, Joash sent all of the gold in the temple and palace, his officers plotted against him and killed him

Commentary: Joash was pleasing but did not pull the shrines down. This was a consistent pattern for most in the Kings of Judah. Paul speaks of weights or things that keep us from moving forward completely. They are still entrapments. Apparently the temple was in disrepair. Even when the funds were available no progress was made.

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C13vss 1-24. Jehoahaz reigned in Israel 17 years, he followed the example of Jeroboam, Aram attacked often, Jehoahaz prayed for the Lord's help and The Lord intervened, God sent a rescuer, but the people continued to sin, Jehoahaz died and his son became king, he

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did evil, he was buried in Samaria,

Commentary: It could be argued that The Lord is an enabler. He loves us so deeply that though we are disobedient if we show any remorse and call out to him he'll hear our call.

Elisha gives prophecy of victory Aram, Hazael was not allowed to totally destroy Israel,

Commentary: Elisha continues his ministry. He tells Israel they will be successful over Hazael.

C14vss 1-29 Amaziah rules in Judah, reigned 29 years, he was pleasing to The Lord, the people still offered, he executed the officers who killed his father, killed Edomites, invited the king of Israel to fight his forces, Amaziah would not listen to Jehoash of Israel who warned that he did not want too. He captures Amaziah, He sacked Jerusalem taking spoils, Amaziah killed by assassins

Commentary: It's not clear why Amaziah desires to fight Israel. It is a very poor decision.

Jeroboam ii rules in Israel, he did what was evil, The Lord saw the suffering off the people of Israel, there was no one there to free them, he used Jeroboam ii to save them

Commentary: Ironically, God raises up Jeroboam ii to rescue the nation from their very difficult circumstances. God uses whomever are whatever he desires for his will.

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C15-17

C15 Vss 1-38

Uzziah reigned 52 years began at 16, he did what was pleasing to The Lord, did not destroy shrines, The Lord struck him with Leprosy until the day he died. He loved in a separate house, Jotham his son governed

Commentary: Uzziah is the king who reigned with the most time. The prophet Isaiah speaks during his period. He was stricken with Leprosy. It's not clear why, but apparently some level of disobedience.

Zechariah ruled in Samaria six months, Evil, Shallum assassinated him and became king, Lord's message to Jehu became true, His descendants kings to the fourth generation, Shallum ruled in Israel one month, killed by Menahim who became king, destroyed all the surrounding towns as far as Tizrah, reigned 10 years, evil, Tiglath-Pilsner of Assyria attacked, Menahim paid him and he did not stay,

Commentary: While Uzziah is king in Judah, the foundation of Jeroboam continued to haunt Israel. Several kings are assassinated, but there was one consistency among them.

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They all honored Jeroboam's policy. Several died while Uzziah was king in Judah. Foundation is so important.

Menahim died and son Pekahiah ruled, reigned 2 years, evil, Commander Pekiah killed him, reigned 22 years, evil, Assyria attacked again and took captives, Hoshea killed Pekah,

Commentary: The Assyrians began their onslaught and are paid off, but this was the beginning of the end.

Jotham son of Uzziah rules in Judah 16 years, pleasing to The Lord, The Lord began to send Aram and Israel to attack Judah

Commentary: While Judah continues to be slightly better than Israel, they were on a slippery slope. God sends Aram and Israel against Judah. Adversity typically brings Godly dependency

C16 Vss 1-20. Ahaz began to rule Judah, did not do what was pleasing, he followed Israel, calls Assyria to rescue him from Aram and Israel, took gold and silver from temple and palace to pay, Ahaz went to Damascus and copied the Assyrian altar and had it built in Jerusalem temple, sacrificed on it, ordered Uriah the priest to do all he asked, his son Hezekiah became king

Commentary: Finally, the first king of Judah who is not pleasing to The Lord is crowned. This was bound to happen. He calls for Assyria's help. This is a horrible decision.

C17 Vss 1-41 Hoshea ruler over Israel, evil, but not to the same extent, reigned 9 years, Hoshea stopped paying the annual tribute  
Conspired with Egypt but was placed in prison by Shalmaneser of Assyria, Assyria invaded the entire land, people of Israel exiled to Assyria, because they worshipped other gods, also did many things secretly, again and again The Lord sent his prophets to warn both Israel and Judah, as stubborn as their ancestors, they rejected all, He swept them away from His presence, only Judah remained but also refused to obey,

Commentary: Assyria makes its final assault according to the will of God to punish His own people. More than seven hundred years after the Exodus God's patience was at an end. He is merciful and long suffering.

The Lord rejected all the descendants of Israel, they persisted in the ways of Jeroboam, Assyria resettled other people in Samaria, The Lord sent lions to kill them, message sent to the king and he sent a priest to teach the people the religious customs, but they continued to worship their own gods, they worshipped The Lord but appointed their own priests,

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Commentary: Ironically, woe to those who tread upon God's children. It's not a favorable position.

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2 Kings 18-20

C18 Vss 1-37

Hezekiah reigns 25 years the son of Ahaz, pleasing, removed the shrines and the bronze serpent Moses made. he trusted in The Lord, no one like him among all the kings of Judah, The Lord was with him, revolted against Assyria and conquered the Philistines, after Samaria falls in the 14th year, Sennacherib attacks fortified towns of Judah, Hezekiah required to give tribute, assyrian's threaten Hezekiah, give logic showing how Judah can't win and that God sent them, threatens the people personally speaking in their language

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Commentary: Hezekiah launches a revival unlike the kings before him. This is amazing considering that his father was evil Ahaz was evil. Whenever the term 'The Lord was with him' represents the combination of a diligent heart and God's work because of a sincere heart. Recall his father made arrangements with Assyria who had already conquered Israel.

The Assyrians with an extraordinary military attack Towns in Judah. Hezekiah appeals to Assyria without success.

There are going to be threatening circumstances, and often the success. authority, and power blinds the enemy. What the enemy boasted was true making it even more threatening.

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C19 1-37 Hezekiah went into the temple and prayed, he sent representatives to Isaiah, the prophet replied, do not be disturbed, against me, I myself will move against him, even upon receiving news they were being attacked from Ethiopia, the Assyrians assured Hezekiah he would be destroyed by letter, Hezekiah took the letter to the temple and spread it before The Lord,

Commentary: We all must love the prophet's response. "Don't let it bother you." When we are carrying forth God's work and our lives are clear of reprehensible conduct God says "don't be disturbed." Only if there is some greater victory through defeat can the enemy have his way.

This must be encouragement to every believer. By the way the enemy will not stop his threats even if he is delayed.

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Isaiah sent another message, God has given Assyria power, they will not even shoot an arrow at Jerusalem. Angel of The Lord killed 185k that night, the king returned home and was assassinated

Commentary: The enemy may attempt to redouble his efforts, but God is more than able each time.

C20 1-20

Hezekiah became deathly ill, Isaiah told him to set his affairs in order he would die, Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed, remember, before Isaiah could get out of the courtyard, message: I've heard your prayer and seen your years. God adds 15 years to his life, the shadow on the sundial moved backwards to prove that God would add to the king's life

Commentary: One of the ironies of humanity is that threats and challenges come from every side it seems. Hezekiah overcomes Assyria but finds himself with a critical illness . Told that he would die, He presents his case and God gives him 15 more years. This is an illustration of how important our record is with God among other virtues.

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Hezekiah received the Babylonian envoys and showed them all of his treasures, Isaiah tell Hezekiah no riches will be left carried off to Babylon, the king thought good, it was not in his life time

Commentary: Hezekiah loves The Lord, but it appears to be a major error showing the Babylonians the riches of Judah. When Isaiah told him about the Babylonians returning to sack Judah it seems to be a relief to him that it's not durning his lifetime.

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C21-23

C21 Vss 1-26

Manasseh king for 55 years, evil. Following the gods of the pagan nations,rebuilt the shrines his father destroyed, built pagan altars in the temple, sacrificed his own son, consulted with mediums and psychics, Manasseh more evil than the pagan nations (Paul's reference), through the prophets God going to bring disaster upon Judah and Jerusalem, I will wipe away, I will reject, they have done great evil, Manasseh murdered many innocent people,

Ammon reigned 2 years, evil just like his father. Amon's own officials killed him, Josiah became king his son.

Commentary: Similar to Hezekiah's reforms after his father's evil reign Manasseh returns to the evil of his grandfather. He was more evil in his dedication to the false gods than the pagans themselves. This is a standard that Paul uses in 1 Corinthians 5 concerning the sin of a man with his father's wife.

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This level of disobedience by any leader has nuclear impact upon the people.

C22 Vss 1-20. Josiah reigned 31 years, pleasing to The Lord, launched temple restoration, Hilkiah the priest found the Law in the temple, when the king heard it he tore his clothes, Prophet Huldah she told the king's representatives to return and tell him of Judah's doom, but because of the king's repentance the doom will not happen until after his lifetime.

Commentary: Josiah returns Judah to a more pleasing condition. However, Manasseh's lengthy reign was so pervasive, it would be impossible for his son to completely avoid the long term consequences of such darkness. So God provides a period for Josiah.

C23 Vss 1-20

The king summoned all the elders. He renewed the covenant and pledged to obey, he ordered the temple cleansed, returned all the priests living outside of Jerusalem, he executed the priests of the pagan shrines, ordered everyone to honor Passover, never had there been a king like Josiah who turned to The Lord with all his heart, cleaned out the mediums, but The Lord was angry with Judah because of Manasseh, Egypt and Assyria joined and killed Josiah,

Jehoahaz becomes king, evil, Neco-Egypt made Eliakim king and changed his name to Jehoakim, evil,

Commentary: Josiah must be commended for all he did to restore the spiritual foundation of the nation. It was too little to late. His sons both continued with evil administrations dealing the doom of the nation.

C24

C24 Vss 1-20

Nebuchadnezzar invaded Judah during Jehoakim's reign. Jeho paid tribute for three years then rebelled, The Lord sent bands of others against Judah to destroy it as promised, Babylon captured Judah from Egypt, Jehoachin reigned 3 years, evil, Jehoachin taken prisoner by Nebuchadnezzar, took all of Jerusalem prisoner, installed Mastannah and changed his name to Zedekiah. 21 years old, reigned 11 years, evil, The Lord banished them

Commentary: Consequences! When God's hand of punishment comes down there is no place of refuge. Even Egypt could not keep the Babylonians off of Judah. The Lord was the source of all the attacks. God will use His enemy to punish His own people.

C25 Vss 1-29

Nebuchadnezzar attacks Jerusalem, attacked for 2 years, food was entirely gone, soldiers fled through broken walls, Babylonians captured the king killed his sons and removed his

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eyes, Nebuzaradan captain of the guard burned the temple to the ground, destroyed all the important buildings, tore down the walls, everyone taken but a remnant, made Gedaliah Governor of the remnant, others fled to Egypt, evil Methodach became king of Babylonia and released Jehoachin

Commentary: The relentless campaign finally collapsed Judah and Jerusalem. Everything was completely wiped out. All of the meticulous work in the temple and palace meant nothing to God Eugene the people were not devoted and obedient to Him

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