

2 KINGS 13 vs 1

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The first and second books of the kings originally were one book, which Jewish tradition credits to the prophet Jeremiah. The subject follows the successes and failures of the kings of both Judah and Israel. This second book of kings follows the decline of **Israel** leading up to their captivity in Aram; and 170 years later, to the decline of **Judah** leading up to their captivity in Babylon.

Jehoahaz king of Israel,

¹ In the 23rd year of Joash the son of Ahaziah king of Judah Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned seventeen years.

² And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, / in the books of the kings, beginning with Solomon, the wisest man to ever live; this phrase is repeated at least 31 times, as Albert Einstein, the great Jewish theoretical physicist said, insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, expecting different results. Einstein also said: No problem can be solved from the same level of consciousness that created it. And he said, two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe. **and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel to sin; he did not turn from them.**

³ And the anger of the LORD was ignited against Israel, and He delivered them all their days into the hand of Hazael king of Aram, and the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael.

⁴ And Jehoahaz sought the LORD, and the LORD listened to him: for He saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Aram oppressed them.

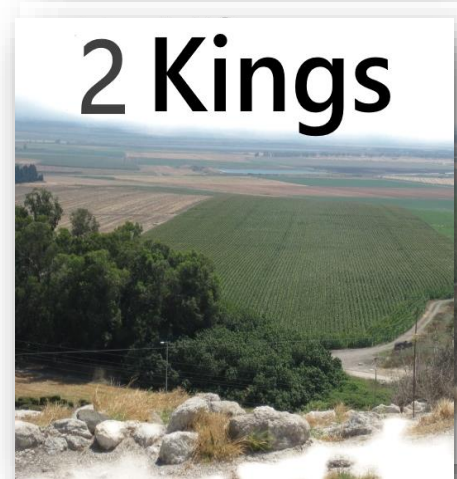
⁵ (And the LORD gave Israel a deliverer, so that they went out from under the hand of the Aram: and the children of Israel lived in their tents, as before.

⁶ In spite of that they did not turn from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, which made Israel sin, but walked in them: and the Asherah grove also remained in Samaria.)

⁷ So he left to Jehoahaz only fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and 10,000 footmen; for the king of Aram had destroyed them, and had made them like the dust at threshing.

⁸ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all he did, and his might, are they not written in the Book of Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

⁹ And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria: and Joash his son reigned in his place.



¹⁰ In the thirty-seventh year of Joash king of **Judah**, Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz began to reign over **Israel** in Samaria, and reigned sixteen years.

¹¹ **And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD**; he did not turn from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel sin: but he walked in them.

¹² And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all he did, and his might with which he fought against Amaziah king of **Judah**, are they not written in the Book of Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

¹³ So Joash slept with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat on his throne: and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of **Israel**.

¹⁴ Now **Elisha** was sick with an illness of which he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down to him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and its horsemen.

¹⁵ When Elisha said to him, Take bow and arrows. And he took his bow and arrows.

¹⁶ And he said to the king of Israel, Put your hand on the bow. And he put his hand on it: and Elisha put his hands on the hands of the king.

¹⁷ And he said, Open the window facing east. And he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of victory of the LORD, and the arrow of victory from Aram: for you will strike those of Aram in Aphek, till you have destroyed them.

¹⁸ And he said, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, Strike the ground. And he struck it three times, and stopped.

¹⁹ So the man of God was angry with him, and said, You should have struck five or six times; then you would have struck Aram till you had destroyed them: but now you will strike Aram only three times.

²⁰ And Elisha died, and they buried him.

Now the bands of Moab invaded the land in the spring of the year.

²¹ And it happened, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they saw a marauding band; and they threw the man into the grave of Elisha. And when the man was let down and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood to his feet.

²² Now Hazael king of Aram oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

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²³ And the LORD was gracious to them, and surrounded them, and had compassion on them, because of [His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob](#), and would not destroy them, nor did He yet throw them from His presence.

²⁴ So Hazael king of Aram died; and Ben-hadad his son reigned in his place.

²⁵ And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again from the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael the cities which he had taken by war from the hand of Jehoahaz his father.

Three times Joash beat him, and recovered the cities of [Israel](#).

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