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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.

Amaziah king of Judah,

¹ In the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel reigned Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah.

² He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddin of Jerusalem.

³ And he did what was right in the sight of the Lord, yet not like David his father: he did according to all things as Joash his father did.

⁴ Yet the high places were not taken away: as yet the people did sacrifice and burnt incense on the high places. / but the hocus pocus places to worship demons were not removed.

⁵ And it happened, as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he slew the servants who killed his father, the king.

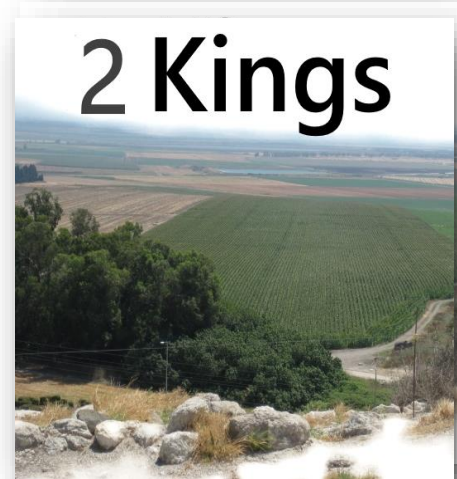
⁶ But the children of the murderers he did not kill: according to what is written in the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord instructed, saying: fathers will not be put to death for the children, nor children be put to death for the fathers; but each one will be put to death for his own sin.

⁷ Of Edom He massacred in the Valley of Salt: 10,000, and took Sela by war, and named it Joktheel to this day.

⁸ Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us meet face to face / the weird, weak king of Judah challenged King Jehoash of Israel.

⁹ And Jehoash the king of Israel responded to Amaziah king of Judah, saying: The thistle in Lebanon once sent to the cedar in Lebanon, saying, Give your daughter to my son to marry: and there in Lebanon a wild beast passed by, and trampled on the thistle.

¹⁰ You have indeed defeated Edom, and your heart has become proud: brag on this and stay home: why should you interfere to your hurt, that even you fall, and Judah with you?



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¹¹ **But Amaziah would not listen.** So Jehoash king of **Israel** went up; and he and Amaziah king of **Judah** stared at each other at Beth-shemesh, which belongs to Judah.

¹² And Judah was trounced by **Israel**; **and they fled each to their tent.**

¹³ Then Jehoash king of **Israel** caught Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash, the son of Ahaziah at Beth-shemesh. Then he went to Jerusalem, and broke down 200 yards of the wall of Jerusalem from the Ephraim Gate to the Corner gate.

¹⁴ **And he took all the gold and silver,** and all the vessels that were found in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria. / So Jehoash was right, Amaziah should have stayed home.



¹⁵ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Israel**?

¹⁶ And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of **Israel**; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his place.

¹⁷ And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.

¹⁸ And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of **Judah**?

¹⁹ Now they conspired against him in Jerusalem: and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish, and killed him there.

²⁰ And they brought him on horses: and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

²¹ And all the people of Judah took Azariah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in place of his father Amaziah.

²² He built Elath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

Jeroboam II, king of Israel

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²³ In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, and reigned forty-one years.

²⁴ And **he did what was evil in the sight of the Lord**: he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

²⁵ He restored the border of **Israel** from the entrance of Hamath to the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the Lord God of **Israel**, which He spoke through His servant Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, who was of Gath-hepher.

²⁶ For the Lord saw the affliction of **Israel** was very bitter: for both the slaves and the free. There was no helper for **Israel**.

²⁷ **And the Lord did not say He would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but He saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.**

²⁸ The rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all he did, his might and how he fought, and how he recovered for **Israel**: Damascus and Hamath which belonged to Judah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Israel**?

²⁹ And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, even with the kings of **Israel**; and Zachariah his son reigned in his place.

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