

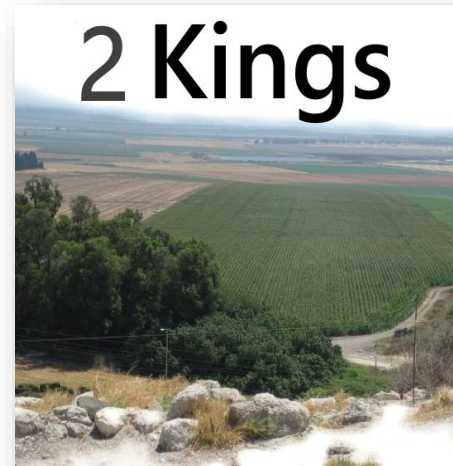
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The first and second books of the kings originally were one book, which Jewish tradition credits to the prophet Jeremiah. The subject follows the successes and failures of the kings of both Judah and Israel. This second book of kings follows the decline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

The divided kingdom, Israel and Judah



¹ Now Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

² And Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and became sick: and he sent messengers, and said to them, Go, enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron whether I will recover of this illness.

³ But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah of Tishbi, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, Is it because there is no God in Israel, that you go to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron?

⁴ So now thus says the LORD, You will not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but will surely die. And Elijah departed.

⁵ And when the messengers returned to him, he said to them, Why have you returned?

⁶ And they said to him, a man came up to meet us, and said to us, Go, return to the king who sent you, and say to him, Thus says the LORD, Is it because there is no God in Israel, that you send to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron? Therefore you will not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but will surely die.

⁷ And he said to them, What kind of man was he who came up to meet you, and told you these words?

⁸ And they answered him, He was a hairy man, clothed with a leather strap about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah of Tishbi.

⁹ Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he was sitting on the top of a hill. And he spoke to him, O man of God, the king said, Come down.

¹⁰ And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I am a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume you and your fifty. Then fire came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

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¹¹ So again he sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said to him, O man of God, thus has the king said, Come down quickly.

¹² And Elijah answered and said to them, If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume you and your fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

¹³ So he again sent a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. When the third captain of fifty went up, he came and bowed down on his knees before Elijah, and begged him, and said to him, O man of God, Please, let my life, and the lives of these fifty servants of yours, be precious in your sight.

¹⁴ Indeed, fire came down from heaven, and burnt up the two former captains of the fifties with their fifties: but now, let my life now be precious in your sight.

¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD said to Elijah, Go down with him: do not be afraid of him. So he arose, and went down with him to the king.

¹⁶ Then he said to him, Thus says the LORD, Because you sent messengers to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron, is it because there is no God in Israel to enquire of His word? therefore you will not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but will surely die.

¹⁷ So Amaziah died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken. And because he had no son, Jehoram became king in his place in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah.

¹⁸ Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, are they not written in the Book of Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

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