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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.

Elisha intervenes for the lady whose child was raised from the dead,

¹ Then Elisha spoke to the woman, whose son he was restored to life, saying, Arise, and go you and your household, and sojourn wherever you can sojourn: for the LORD has called for a famine; and it will also come on the land seven years.

² And the woman arose, and did as the man of God said: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

³ And it happened at the end of seven years, that the woman returned from the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to appeal to the king for her house and for her land.

⁴ And the king talked with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, Please tell me, all the great things that Elisha has done.

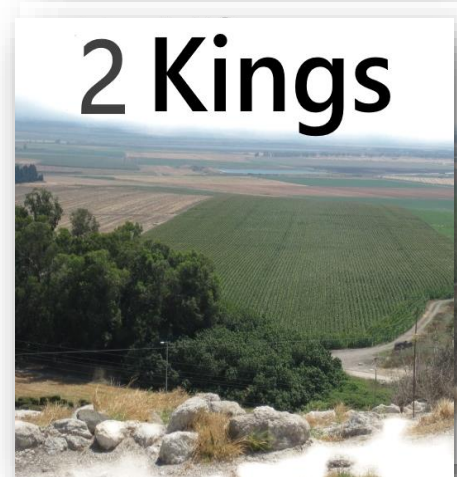
⁵ And it happened, as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, appealed to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life.

⁶ And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed to her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that was hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.

⁷ And Elisha came to Damascus; and Ben-hadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God has come here.

⁸ And the king said to Hazael, Take a present in your hand, and go, meet the man of God, and enquire of the LORD by him, saying, Will I recover from this illness?

⁹ So Hazael went to see him, and taking as a gift with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, as much as forty camels could carry, and came and stood before him, and said, Your son Ben-hadad king of Syria has sent me to you, saying, Will I recover of this illness?



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¹⁰ And Elisha said to him, Go, say to him, You will certainly recover: however the LORD has revealed to me that he will surely die.

¹¹ And as he spoke, the face of the man of God became rigid with absolute horror: and then he burst into tears.

¹² And Hazael said, Why does my lord weep? And he answered, Because I know the evil cruelty you will do to the children of **Israel**: their fortresses set ablaze, their young men murdered with the sword, dashing their children to pieces, and ripping up their pregnant women.

¹³ And Hazael said, But what, is your servant a dog, how could he do all this? And Elisha answered, The LORD has revealed to me that you will be king over Aram.

¹⁴ So he departed from Elisha, and went back to his master; who asked him, What did Elisha tell you? And he answered, He told me that you would surely recover.

¹⁵ And it happened the next day, that he took a thick towel, and soaked it, and spread it over his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his place.

¹⁶ And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of **Israel**, Jehoshaphat being then king of **Judah**, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign.

¹⁷ He was thirty-two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

¹⁸ And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for the daughter of Ahab was his wife: **and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.**

¹⁹ Yet the LORD would not destroy **Judah** for the sake of David his servant, as He promised him to always give a light to his children.

²⁰ In his days Edom revolted from the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves.

²¹ So Joram crossed over to Zair, and all the chariots with him: he arose by night, and raided the Edomites who surrounded him, and the captains of the chariots: but the people fled into their tents.

²² So Edom revolted against Judah to this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time.

²³ And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

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²⁴ And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

Ahaziah king of Judah,

²⁵ In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah began to reign.

²⁶ Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah, the daughter of Omri king of Israel.

²⁷ And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD, as did the house of Ahab: for he was the son-in-law of the house of Ahab.

²⁸ Then he went with Joram the son of Ahab to the war against Hazael king of Aram in Ramoth-gilead; and those of Aram wounded Joram.

²⁹ And King Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which those of Aram inflicted on him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Aram. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

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