

Through the Bible Course

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II Kings

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Key Word: Captivities (This was a period when God exhorted and warned both kingdoms by prophets, miracles, and blessings whenever they returned to Him.)

- I. Last Ministry and Translation of Elijah – 1:1-2:11
 1. Elijah's message to Ahaziah and God's miraculous protection of the prophet – 1:1-18
 2. Elijah's translation – one of two men in Bible who did not die (Genesis 5:24 was other) – 2:1-11
- II. Ministry of Elisha – 2:12-8:29
 1. Spirit of Elijah falls upon Elisha – 2:12-25
 - a. Elisha demonstrates his power
 2. Defeat of Moabites by Jehoshaphat under direction of Elisha – chapter 3
 3. Increase of widow's oil – chapter 4:1-7
 4. Elisha and Shunamite woman – 4:8-37
 5. Healing of Naaman – chapter 5
 6. Elisha reveals plans of Ben-hadad – chapter 6
 - a. Great spiritual host with Elisha – 6:13-23
 7. Elisha foretells deliverance of Jerusalem from Syrians and God sends terror upon them – chapter 7
 8. Various predictions of Elisha – chapter 8
- III. Reign of Jehu over Israel – 9:1-10:36
 1. Jehu made king – 9:1-13
 2. Jehu allays Jehoram and followers – 9:14
 3. The death of Jezebel – 9:30-37 – foretold in 1 Kings 21:23
 4. Judgment upon house of Ahab (as told in 1 Kings 21:17-26) – 10:1-12
 5. Jehu exterminates worship of Baal and God's reward – 10:19-36
- IV. Reign of Athaliah and Joash over Judah – 11:1-12:21
 1. Joash providentially spared so that line of David would not be destroyed – 11:1-12
 2. The revival under Joash – 11:13-12:21
 - a. Temple reconditioned – 12:9-16 (notice verse 9)
- V. Reign of Jehoahaz over Israel – 13:1-25
 1. Jehoahaz – one of better kings of Israel
 2. Death of Joash and Elisha
- VI. Various invasions and Israel carried captive – 14:1-17:41

1. Amaziah, King of Judah, and civil war with Jehoahaz of Israel – 14:1-16
2. Various kings of both kingdoms – 14:17-15:38
3. Assyrians capture Damascus – chapter 16
4. Israel carried captive by Assyrians in 721 BC – chapter 17
 - a. Note reason for this is given in verses 7-23
 - b. Other peoples moved into Israel

VII. From King Hezekiah to captivity of Judah – 18:1-25:30

1. Hezekiah, king of Judah – chapter 18
 - a. A revival
 - b. Hezekiah's victories over Philistines and Sennacherib of Assyria – 18:13-19:37
 1. Rabshakeh challenges God – 27-37
 - c. Hezekiah makes an alliance with Babylon and shows them his treasures – 19:12-21
2. Reign of Josiah – chapters 22 and 23
 - a. Repair of temple – 22:1-7
 - b. Law of Moses discovered – 22:8-10
 - c. Law read and covenant made – 22:1-23:3
 - d. Josiah's father reforms – 23:4-27
3. Three invasions of Judah under Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon – chapters 24 and 25
 - a. During reign of Jehoiakim – 24:1-10
 - b. Under Jehoichin – 24:11-16
 1. First deportation to Babylon
 - c. Under Zedekiah – 24:17-25:30
 1. Jerusalem besieged and people carried captive to Babylon
 2. Jerusalem destroyed 588 BC

Note: During this period of time, we have the prophets, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah – prophesied in Israel; Micah, Jeremiah and others were prophets to Judah. We must fit their writings into these times if we would understand either their lives or prophecies.