

✠ Unsheathing the SWORD ✠



2 Kings

MEMORIZATION – 2 Kings 19:31 – “For out of Jerusalem will come a remnant, and out of Mount Zion a band of survivors. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.”

Chapter 1 - none

Chapter 2

1. Elisha will not leave Elijah. List their stops from Gilgal to Elijah’s end.
2. What does Elisha request from Elijah?
3. How does Elijah disappear?

Extra credit: Name the old spiritual based on this event.

4. List at least five miracles performed by Elisha during his life (and death). (See chapters 2-13.)

Chapter 3

1. Good king/bad king – which is Joram of Israel?
2. King Jehosaphat of Judah once asked King Ahab for a “prophet of the Lord.” (See 1 Kings 22:7.) Now he is with King Ahab’s son, Joram, and once again asks for a “prophet of the Lord.” What prophet is brought to the kings?

Chapter 4

Extra credit: Another widow and another jar of oil. Give the Scripture reference for an earlier widow helped by a prophet in a similar way.

Chapter 5

1. Naaman is healed both physically and spiritually. “Now I know that _____ except in Israel.”

Chapter 6

1. The king of Aram tries to capture Elisha. When the eyes of a frightened servant are opened, what does he see?

Chapter 7

1. “Some time later” Samaria is under siege. Four lepers make a discovery. What do they discover?
2. What sound had the Lord caused?
3. What two hired armies did the Arameans think were attacking?
4. What happens to the king of Israel that day?

Chapter 8

1. How does Ben-Hadad die?
2. Good king/bad king – which is Jehoram of Judah?
3. Good king/bad king – which is Ahaziah of Judah?

Chapter 9

1. Old king/new king. A new king for Israel is anointed according to Elisha's instructions. Name the old and new kings.
2. Complete the question Jehu asks of Joram. "How can there be peace as long as..."

Extra credit: It's a gruesome end for Jezebel.

- a) How does she die?
- b) What is the Scripture reference for Elijah's prophecy regarding Jezebel's death?

Chapter 10

1. Jehu destroys Baal worship in Israel. Priests of Baal are killed and the temple of Baal is destroyed. From that time to the time of the writing, how is Baal's temple used?
2. According to this text, what is being worshiped at Bethel and Dan?

Chapter 11

1. Royal intrigue! The dead king's mother wants to rule the land. One royal prince survives the slaughter of the royal family. Who is the survivor?
2. The young prince is hidden:
 - a) for how long?
 - b) where?
3. True or false: There is a spiritual cleansing of the land when the prince is made king.

4. How old is Joash when he begins his reign?

Chapter 12

1. How long does he reign?

2. Good king/bad king – which is Joash of Judah?

3. Name Joash's mentor.

4. Although Baal worship is abolished, what pagan religious practice continues?

5. What is repaired by order of King Joash?

6. True or false: Joash dies of old age.

Chapter 13

1. Good king/bad king – which is Jehoahaz of Israel?

2. What pagan worship symbol remains standing in Samaria?

3. Good king/bad king – which is Jehoash of Israel?

4. What prophet dies of an illness during Jehoash's reign?

Chapter 14

1. Good king/bad king – which is Amaziah of Judah?
2. During the reign of Amaziah, what happens to the high places?
3. We have read of a lot of fighting, but this is quite a defeat. What nation plunders the temple and palace of Jerusalem, and takes hostages?
4. True or false: Amaziah dies of old age.
5. Good king/bad king – which is Jeroboam II?

Chapter 15

1. Good king/bad king – which is Azariah of Judah?
2. What is the status of the high places at this time?
3. Good king/bad king – which is Zechariah of Israel?
4. Good king/bad king – which is Menahem of Israel?
5. The king of what country invades Israel and then withdraws after being bought off by King Menahem?
6. Good king/bad king – which is Pekahiah of Israel?
7. Good king/bad king – which is Pekah of Israel?
8. It's the same invaders under a new king. What country takes Israel and deports the people?
9. Good king/bad king – which are the father and son, Uzziah and Jotham of Judah?

Chapter 16

Extra credit “review” question (it covers many different chapters):

a) Although many of the kings of Judah “did right in the eyes of the Lord,” what do they fail to remove?

b) In the north, the Israelite kings most often “did evil in the eyes of the Lord.” What sins are tied to them?

1. Good king/bad king – which is Ahaz of Judah?

2. Aram and Israel march against Judah. King Ahaz appeals for help to the king of what country?

Chapter 17

1. Good king/bad king – which is Hoshea of Israel?

Extra credit: List the three kings of Assyria mentioned so far. (See chapters 15-17.)

2. Does this sound familiar? There is a three year siege and another deportation.

a) Who are deported - the people of Israel or Judah?

b) Where are they taken – to Babylon or Assyria?

3. Here’s a very blunt and comprehensive indictment against Israel. List a few of the Israelites’ sins against the Lord.

4. Does this sound familiar? Reread the words of Moses to the Israelites before they entered the land – Deuteronomy 4:25-31 and Deuteronomy 29:24-30:6.

Chapter 18

1. Good king/bad king – which is Hezekiah of Judah?

2. What does Hezekiah do regarding the high places, sacred stones, Asherah poles and bronze snake?

3. Read of Hezekiah’s faith. Hezekiah _____ to the Lord and did not cease _____; he _____ the Lord had given _____.

4. Who is the king of Assyria who captures the cities of Judah (except Jerusalem)?

Chapter 19

1. In chapter 18 Jerusalem is threatened. It seems to be mixed messages. The emissaries of Assyria say that the Lord Himself told King Sennacherib “to march against this country and destroy it.” But in verses 33-35 the emissaries say that no god has saved a nation from the Assyrians – and the Lord can’t deliver Jerusalem, either. When King Hezekiah is informed, he (circle one):
 - a) tears his clothes and puts on sackcloth
 - b) goes into the temple of the Lord
 - c) sends word to a prophet
 - d) all of the above

2. What “major” prophet is consulted?

3. Carefully read King Hezekiah’s message to the prophet. He says that the King of Assyria has ridiculed the living God and it may be that God will _____ him. King Hezekiah ends with a plea to Isaiah. “Therefore _____.”

4. King Hezekiah prays for deliverance. His prayer shows an understanding of God and His purpose. Write out verse 19.

5. “But I know where you stay and when you come and go and how you rage against Me.” What will happen to King Sennacherib?

6. A promise for the future: “For out of _____ will come a _____, and out of _____ a _____ of _____.”

7. How many die that night?

8. What does Sennacherib then do?

Extra credit: Find Assyria and Nineveh on a map.

Chapter 20

1. Here is an example of prayer changing things. How many years are added to Hezekiah’s life?

2. Isaiah foretells of catastrophe. What country will carry off treasures and captives?

Extra credit: Find Babylon on a map.

Chapter 21

1. Good king/bad king – which is Manasseh of Judah?

2. What a list of pagan practices! Manasseh led the people astray “so that they _____ than the _____ before the Israelites.”

3. Good king/bad king – which is Amon of Judah?

Chapter 22

1. Good king/bad king – which is Josiah of Judah?

2. Josiah orders that repairs be made to the temple. What is found by Hilkiah the high priest?

3. Good high priest. Good secretary. The Book of the Law makes its way to King Josiah. When the king hears the words what does he do?

4. When King Josiah inquires of the Lord he is told that the people and land will indeed be conquered and laid waste. However, Josiah's anguish and tears touch God's heart and Josiah will not _____ all the _____ God is going to _____.

Chapter 23

1. True or false: When King Josiah personally renews the covenant in the presence of the Lord, all the people pledge themselves to the covenant.

2. List at least five types of pagan worship that were done in Judah (or Samaria) prior to the covenant renewal.

3. What does the text say about when the Passover had last been celebrated?

4. Which Pharaoh of Egypt meets Josiah at Megiddo?

Extra credit: Find Megiddo on a map.

Extra credit: Megiddo is also known by what more familiar name?

5. Good king/bad king – which is Jehoahaz of Judah?

6. Good king/bad king – which is Jehoiakim of Judah?

Chapter 24

1. Good king/bad king – which is Jehoiachin of Judah?
2. It is the fulfillment of the words of the prophets. Until now Jerusalem has held against attack.
 - a) What things are taken by the king of Babylon?
 - b) What people are taken into exile to Babylon?
3. Good king/bad king – which is Zedekiah of Judah?

Chapter 25

1. Jerusalem is under siege. For how long (circle one)?
 - a) weeks
 - b) months
 - c) greater than a year
2. Jerusalem is burned and another batch of people are taken into captivity.
 - a) Who is left behind?
 - b) What are they to do?

Extra credit: In the record of the fall of Jerusalem can you find any specific mention of the ark of the Lord?

3. So Judah _____ away from _____.
4. No king this time. Who does Nebuchadnezzar appoint as governor?
5. What happens to Gedaliah?

6. Someone didn't think this through. Now they figure out that they might be in trouble with Babylon, so:

a) who flees?

b) where do they go?

Extra credit: Are these kings from Egypt, Babylon or Assyria? See chapters 15-25.

<u>King</u>	<u>Country</u>
Pul	_____
Tiglath-Pileser	_____
Shalmanesser	_____
Sennacherib	_____
Neco	_____
Nebuchadnezzar	_____
Evil-Merodach	_____

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