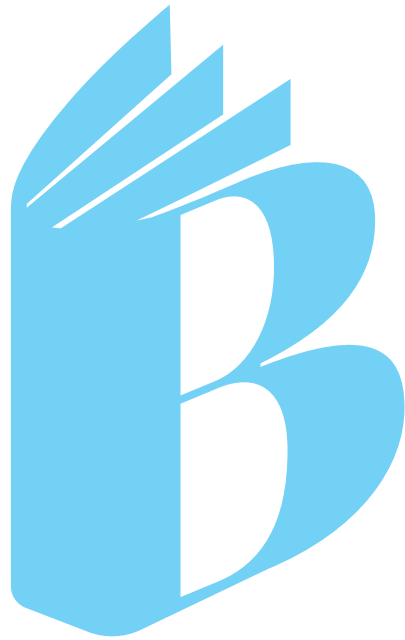




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KINGS, QUEENS, & PROPHETS

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**“Don’t be afraid!” Elisha told him.
“For there are more on our side
than on theirs!”**
2 Kings 6:16

TAKING A CLOSER LOOK

The Northern Kingdom, Israel, endured evil kings for 130 years, but during all that time, God sent prophets to warn and guide them, always delivering God's messages to them. They also demonstrated God's power through miracles during their years of ministry.

3 ROLES & THE IMPORTANCE OF EACH

- Kings** Supreme rulers over a country, region, or people. In fulfillment of God's covenant, any king over God's people must be from the lineage of David.
- Priests** Represent the people to God; must be from the tribe of Levi and observe all the requirements in the Law of Moses.
- Prophets** Called by God to represent God to people, whomever and wherever God directs; can be from any tribe or country.

KINGS

Even though Judah enjoyed some kings with measures of admirable devotion to God, even the best of them only brought reforms to the kingdom—none were successful in bringing about a transformation. Not until King Jesus sits on the throne will this world be transformed.

Who were the “reformer” kings over Judah?

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PRIESTS

It is easy to overlook some of the priests that served faithfully during these many years. Take some time to get acquainted with these priests. Make a note about each one for future reference.

1. Jehoida (2 Kings 11)
2. Hilkiah (2 Chronicles 34; 2 Kings 22)
3. Amariah (2 Chronicles 19)
4. Zechariah (2 Chronicles 24)
5. Azariah (2 Chronicles 26)

PROPHETS

We will meet more of the prophets later in our study, but in 2 Kings, we discover many events in the life and ministries of Elijah and Elisha. 2 Chronicles mentions several other prophets. List below, or mark in your Bible, some of the events, messages, and miracles associated with these prophets.

1. Elijah (2 Kings 1-2)
2. Elisha (2 Kings 4-8)
3. Azariah (2 Chronicles 15)
4. Micaiah (2 Chronicles 18)

Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.
2 Chronicles 7:14

A SHORT SUMMARY OF WHY GOD SENT HIS PEOPLE INTO CAPTIVITY

This disaster came upon the people of Israel _____ they worshiped other gods. They sinned against the _____ their _____, who had brought them safely out of Egypt and had _____ them from the power of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. They had followed the _____ of the pagan nations the Lord had driven from the land ahead of them, as well as the practices the kings of Israel had introduced. The people of Israel had also _____ done many things that were not pleasing to the Lord their God. They built pagan shrines for themselves in all their towns, from the smallest _____ to the largest _____ city. They set up sacred pillars and Asherah poles at the top of every hill and under every green tree. They offered _____ on all the hilltops, just like the nations the Lord had driven from the land ahead of them. So the people of Israel had done many evil things, arousing the Lord's anger. Yes, they worshiped idols, despite the Lord's _____ and repeated _____.

_____ and _____ the Lord had sent his _____ and seers to warn both _____ and _____: "Turn from all your evil ways. Obey my commands and decrees—the entire law that I commanded your ancestors to obey, and that I gave you through my servants the prophets." But the Israelites would not _____. They were as _____ as their ancestors who had refused to _____ in the Lord their God. They rejected his decrees and the covenant he had made with their ancestors, and they _____ all his _____. They worshiped worthless idols, so they became worthless themselves. They followed the example of the nations around them, disobeying the Lord's command not to imitate them.

They _____ all the commands of the Lord their God and made two calves from metal. They set up an Asherah pole and worshiped Baal and all the forces of heaven. They even sacrificed their own _____ and _____ in the _____. They consulted _____ and practiced _____ and _____ themselves to _____, arousing the Lord's anger.

2 Kings 17:7-17

**For a long time Israel was without the true
God, without a priest to teach them, and
without the Law to instruct them.
2 Chronicles 15:3**

WHY ARE THESE ACCOUNTS IMPORTANT FOR US TODAY?

These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age. If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall.

1 Corinthians 10:11-12

THE PITFALLS OF POWER

These stories teach us so much about how the things mankind wants the most. Power and wealth can bring profound loss and disappointment. Let's make a list of some of the things we observe that are still true today. I'll start...

- *Even the powerful have enemies, both inside and outside.*
- *Power creates an illusion of control.*
- *Powerful people are often insulated from reality.*
- *Powerful people sometimes make immoral compromises and alliances to increase power.*
- *Power can change a person's personality and values.*
- *Powerful people don't like to have their mistakes brought to light. They are always right.*
- *Powerful people are often more easily influenced than they realize.*

- _____
- _____
- _____

The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him...

2 Chronicles 16:9

UNEXPECTED ENDINGS

In these historical accounts, we see examples of leaders who started out very humble and dedicated to God, but something changed and they later rebelled. List below at least two examples.

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We also see examples of kings who ruled in rebellion against God, but they later humbled themselves, repented, and turned to God. List below at least two examples.

1.

2.

These were his instructions to them: “You must always act in the fear of the Lord, with faithfulness and an undivided heart...”
2 Chronicles 19:9

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