

III KINGS

AT-A-GLANCE



O.T. BOOK #12



AUTHOR: UNKNOWN

however, the stories were written or put together in Babylon, during the Great Exile



WRITTEN: 550 BC

Covering the time period of 850-575 BC

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Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: Contains the story of Elijah being taken alive up to heaven.

FAMOUS STORIES INCLUDED:

- Elijah is swept up to heaven.
- Elisha raises a boy from the dead.
- Naaman is cured of leprosy by washing in dirty water.
- Jerusalem is plundered by the Babylonians, and the Great Exile begins.

MOST FAMOUS VERSES:

The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha replied... **2 Kings 2:3**

Elijah answered the captain, "If I am a man of God, may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men!" Then fire fell from heaven and consumed the captain and his men. **2 Kings 1:10**

Important Points about the Book:

- 2 Kings begins where 1 Kings leaves off.
- Chapters 2 through 7 cover the ministry of the prophet Elisha after Elijah is taken up to heaven. Chapter 13 covers the death of Elisha.
- The book covers the reigns of many kings of Israel and Judah, telling short stories about some of the most notable, good and evil. It ends with Chapter 25 and the Babylonian invasion of Judah, when Solomon's temple was destroyed.