2 Kings - Jesus & Remnant: Spiritual Corruption & National Decline





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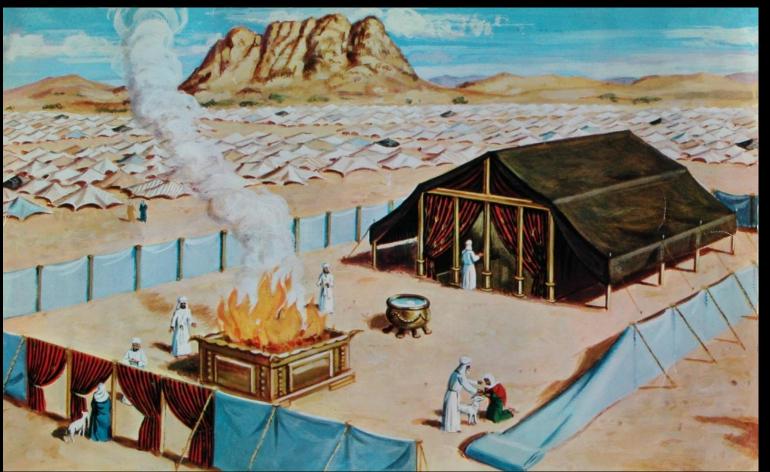
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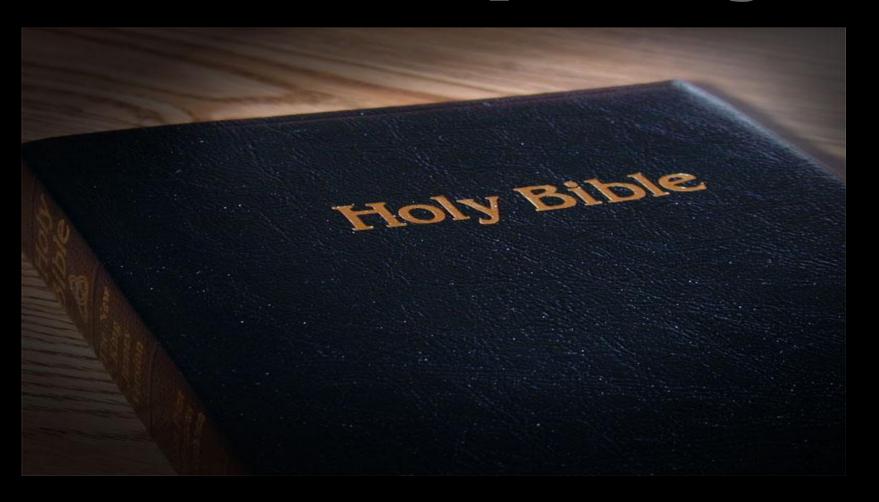
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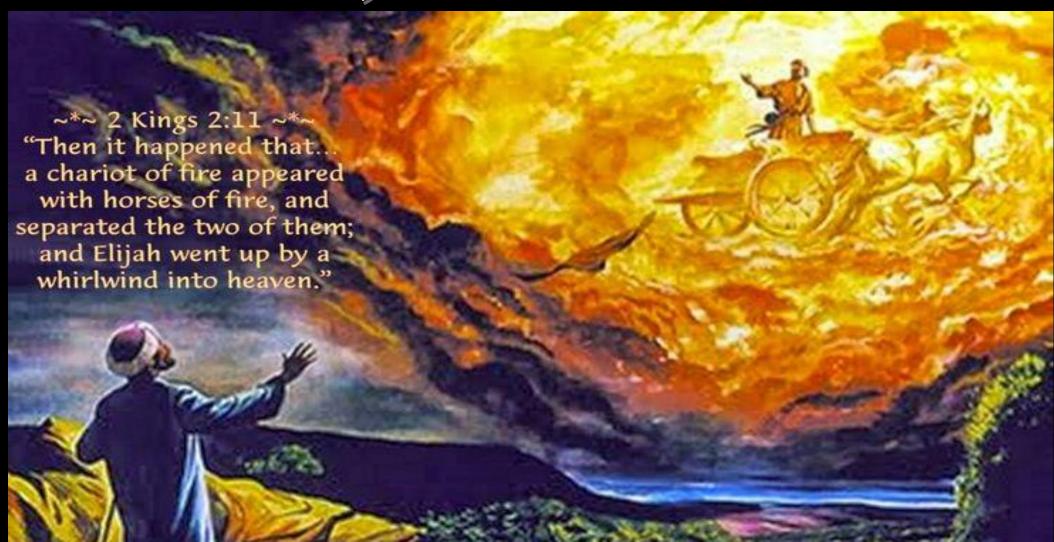


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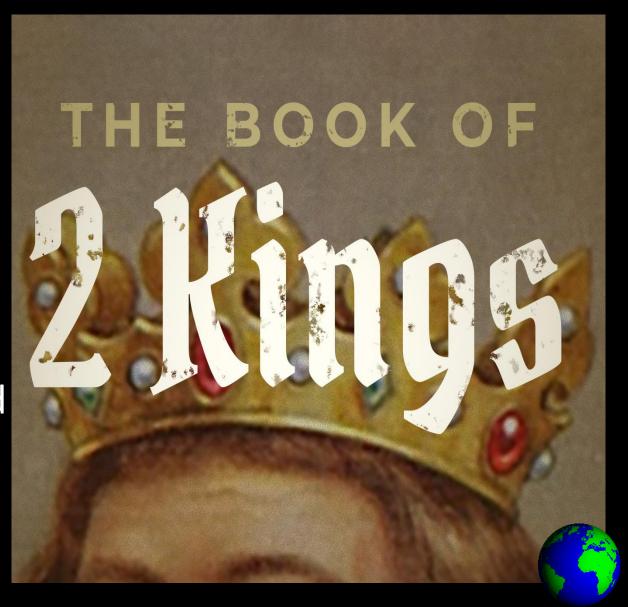


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Introduction

The central theme of 2 Kings is the consequences of disobedience and idolatry, which led to the decline and eventual fall of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah, as well as the loss of the Promised Land and exile.

The book highlights the importance of faithfulness to God and the destructive influence of unfaithfulness, emphasizing that a nation's strength is tied to its fidelity to the Lord's commands.



Introduction (cont'd)

1. The Decline of the Kingdoms:

Unfaithfulness of Kings: The book chronicles the unfaithful reigns of many kings in both the northern (Israel) and southern (Judah) kingdoms, who turn away from God and engage in idol worship.

Divine Judgment: This persistent disobedience leads to divine judgment, culminating in the destruction of the northern Kingdom of Israel by the Assyrians and the southern Kingdom of Judah by the Babylonians.

Consequences of Disobedience: The downfall of the kingdoms serves as a powerful message that actions have consequences, and that turning away from God brings ruin.



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2. Idolatry and Apostasy:

Destructive Influence of Idols: 2 Kings repeatedly exposes the destructive influence of idolatry and pagan practices within Israel and Judah.

Spiritual Corruption: The book shows how turning away from the true God results in spiritual corruption and national decline.



Introduction (cont'd)

3. Prophetic Ministry and Divine Hope:

Prophets Elijah and Elisha: The prophets Elijah and Elisha play key roles as divine intermediaries, performing miracles and serving as conduits of God's word to the people.

God's Unrelenting

Commitment: Despite the people's failures, the book also conveys God's unwavering commitment to his covenant relationship with them, offering messages of hope and warning to the Jewish exiles in Babylon.

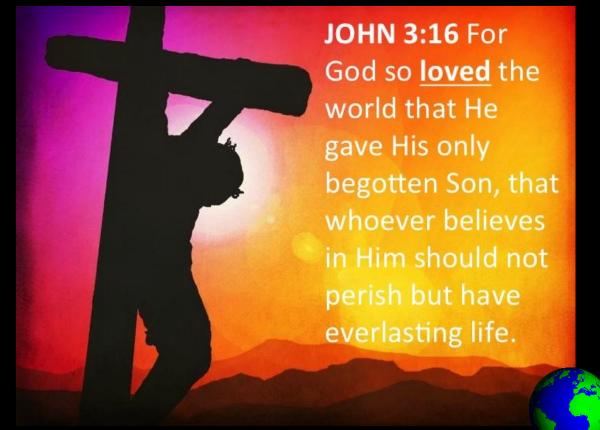


1 - Jesus in the book of 2 Kings Miracles and Authority

1. Elijah twice invoked fire from heaven to consume the captain and his men who were sent for him. 2 Kings 1:10-12

Elijah replied to the captain of fifty "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then, fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty. 2 KINGS 1:10

Jesus used his power to save many while on the earth and open the way for the Gospel. John 3:16

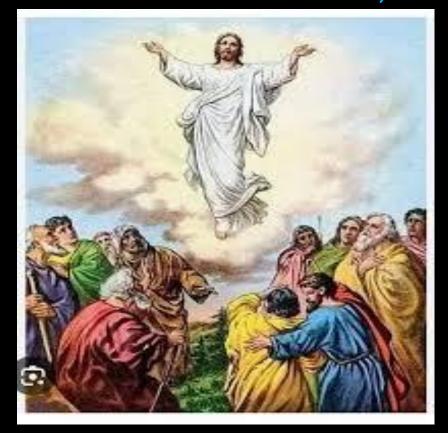


1 - Jesus in the book of 2 Kings Elijah's Unique Departure

2. Elijah does not die but is taken up to heaven in a whirlwind. 2 Kings 2:11



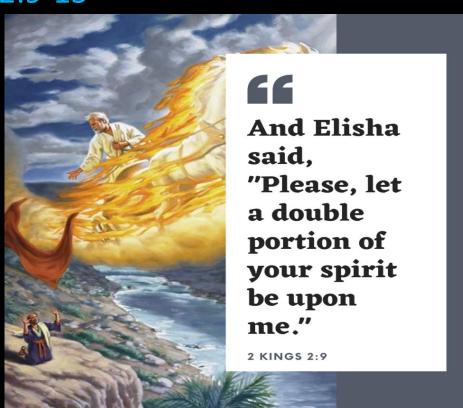
Jesus ascends into heaven after his crucifixion, dead, burial and resurrection. Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9.





1 - Jesus in the book of 2 Kings Call to Ministry

3. Elisha was sent by God to bring His will to His people, operating through the power of the Holy Spirit. 2 Kings 2:9-15

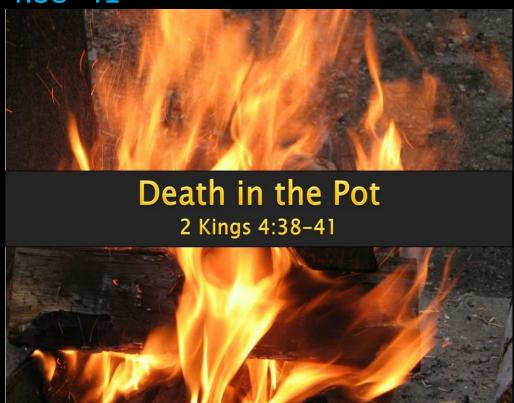


Jesus sends His disciples to bring His will to His people, operating through the power of the Holy Spirit. John 14:26; Acts 1:8; Hebrews 2:4,



1 - Jesus in the book of 2 Kings God given power

4. Elisha used humanly impossible deeds to authenticate his prophetic calling and God's message. 2 Kings 4:38–41



Jesus performed many humanly impossible deeds to authenticate his prophetic calling and God's message. Acts 2:22



1 - Jesus in the book of 2 Kings Elisha's Miracles

5. Elisha raises the Shunammite woman's son from the dead. 2 Kings 4:32-37

Jesus while on the earth raises the widow of Nain's son and many others. Luke 7:11-17





1 - Jesus in the book of 2 Kings Multiplying Food

6. Elisha's performs miracle to multiply oil for the widow in the story of the widow of Zarephath. 2 Kings 4:1-7

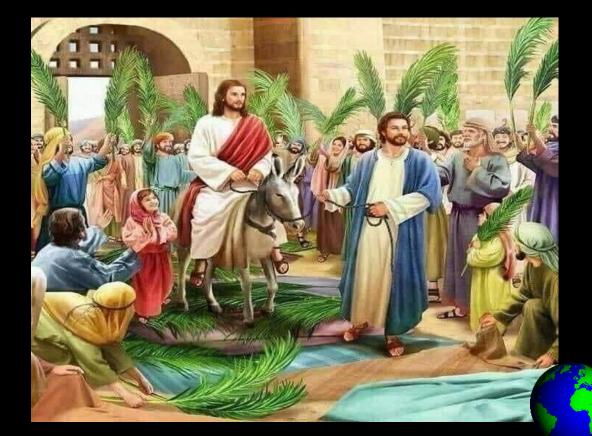
Jesus performs the miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fishes to feed the 5000. Matthew 14:17-21



1 - Jesus in the book of 2 Kings Public Proclamation

7. Jehu's followers laid their garments on the ground for him, proclaiming him king. 2 Kings 9:13

Jesus followers laid their garments on the ground for him singing Hosana as he enters Jerusalem. John 12:13

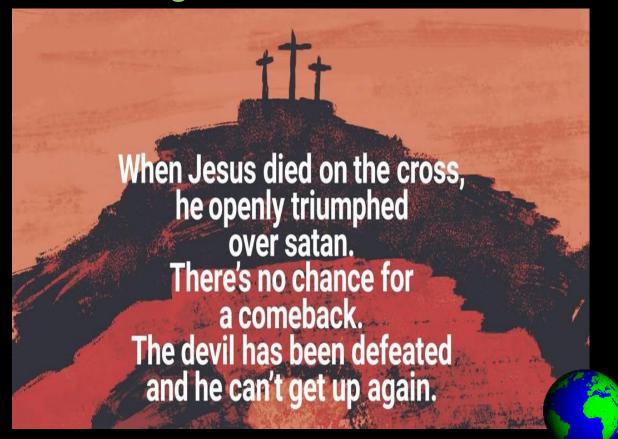


1 - Jesus in the book of 2 Kings Nature of Vengeance

8. Jehu's story is one of violent, bloody vengeance against his enemies. 2 Kings 9:7



Jesus's vengeance is not a physical battle but a spiritual one against sin and Satan, culminating in the cross. Colossians 2:15

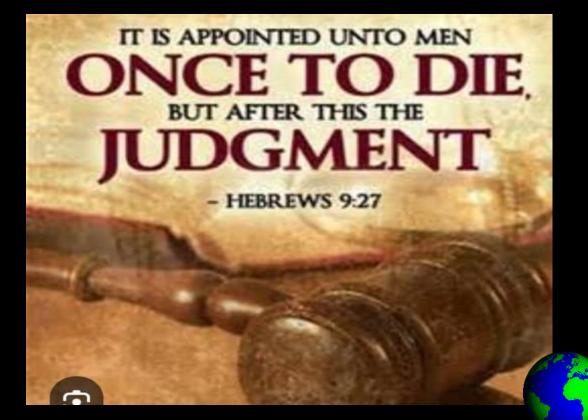


1 - Jesus in the book of 2 Kings Ultimate Goal

9. Jehu's aim was to eliminate idolatry in Israel. 2 Kings 10:28



Jesus's ultimate purpose is to bring true peace and lasting justice to God's people by completely eradicating evil. 1 John 3:8

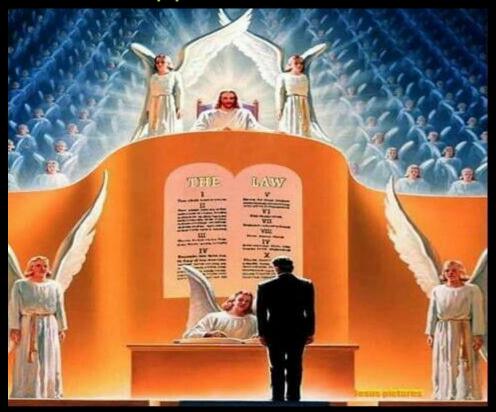


1 - Jesus in the book of 2 Kings Fulfilment

10. Jehu fulfilled some of God's commands, his reign ended poorly, as he did not turn from all the sins of Jeroboam. 2 Kings 10:29-31



Jesus, on the other hand, represents the ultimate, final fulfilment of God's plans and brings the final judgment upon those who oppose Him. John 5:22





1 - Jesus in the book of 2 Kings A Symbol of Divine Provision

11. The Shunammite woman's story, tells of the miraculous birth and resurrection of her son. 2 Kings 4:8-37

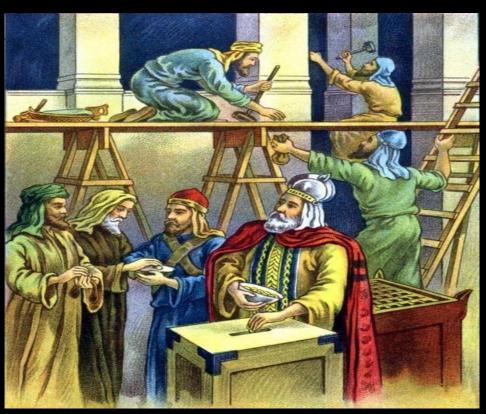
This foreshadows Jesus's own miraculous birth and, more significantly, his resurrection from the dead. Luke 1:35; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4





1 - Jesus in the book of 2 Kings The True Temple

12. The physical Temple, a symbol of God's dwelling place, was restored by king Jehoash. 2 Kings 12:1-16



It is Jesus who builds a greater, spiritual temple where God will dwell with His people forever. Ephesians 2:22





1 - Jesus in the book of 2 Kings Seizes power

13. Athaliah seized control and began to destroy all the royal heirs of David's line to the throne. 2 Kings 11:1



Satan's desire to thwart God's plan to bring forth the Messiah, Jesus of David's line, through king Herod. John 8:44



1 - Jesus in the book of 2 Kings Preserves David's line

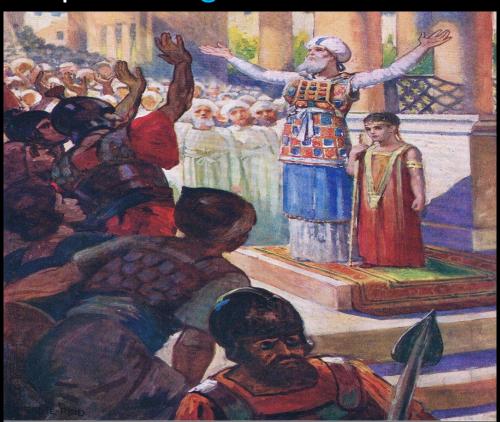
14. Jehosheba, secretly saved Joash, the infant son of Ahaziah, and hid him in the Temple for six years. 2 Kings 11:2

God saved baby Jesus and hid the family in Egypt from king Herod for about 3 & 1/2 years. Matthew 2:13-15



1 - Jesus in the book of 2 Kings The last king

15. Joash was the last king to be crowned by the high priest in the temple. 2 Kings 11:12-14



Jesus, the everlasting and last King who would establish an eternal kingdom. Luke 1:32-33



1 - Jesus in the book of 2 Kings Divine Intervention

16. Hezekiah prayed for deliverance, and God responded bringing deliverance from the Assyrians. 2 Kings 19

A type or foreshadowing of Jesus's victory over spiritual enemies. Colossians 2:15



JESUS

Came to

destroy the

works of

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1 John 3:8

1 - Jesus in the book of 2 Kings Godly From Youth

17. Josiah demonstrated a deep and unwavering devotion to God from a young age. 2 Kings 23:25

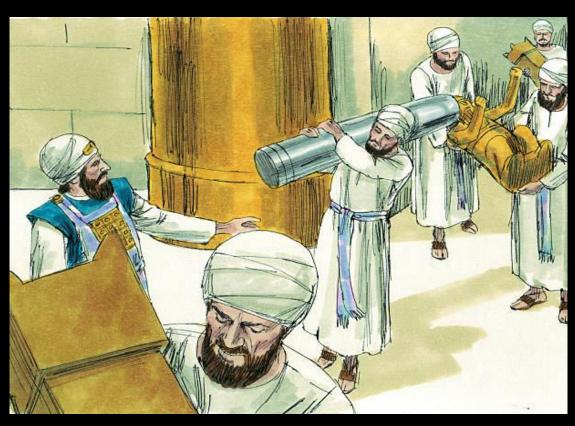


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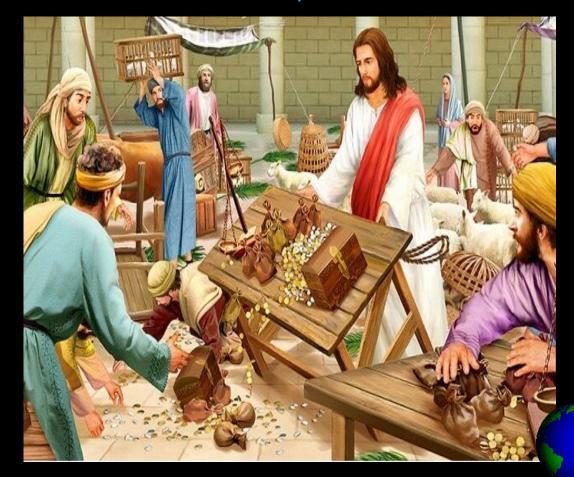


1 - Jesus in the book of 2 Kings Temple Cleansing

18. Josiah oversaw the repair and cleansing of the Jerusalem Temple. 2 Kings 22:3-7



Jesus cleansed the Temple twice. Matthew 21:12-17; John 2:13-17



2 – Remnant in the book of 2 Kings Seek God Alone, Not False gods

Ahaziah, after falling, sought consultation from Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, rather than the God of Israel.
 Kings 1:2-4

Remnant should understand that God is the only true source of wisdom and guidance, and that trusting in Him alone brings life and security. Proverbs 3:5-6

REASONS TO TRUST GOD



He never fails even when the world does. Psalm 18:2



He provides always on time Philippians 4:19



His plan is bigger than your pain Jeremiah 29:11



He heals what no one else can Exodus 15:26



He's in controleven when life spins out Psalm 103:19



He forgives fully, not halfway



He hears your cry even one you can't say out Psalm 34:15



He proved His love at the cross

Romans 5:8

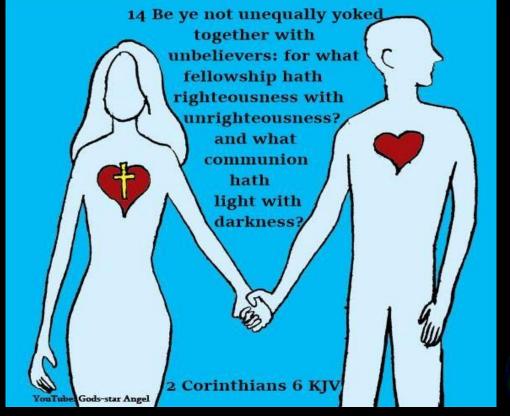


2 – Remnant in the book of 2 Kings Dangers of Idolatry and Unfaithful Associations

2. Jehoram marries Athaliah, daughter of Ahab and Jezebel, brought a "pestilent root" of corruption into the nation. 2 Kings 8:18



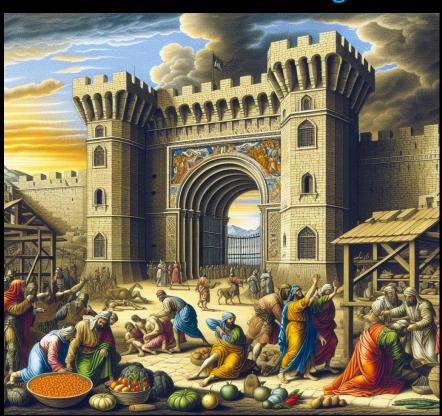
Remnant need to guard their marriages and other close relationships, recognise how much a spouse influences one's spiritual life. 2 Corinthians 6:14



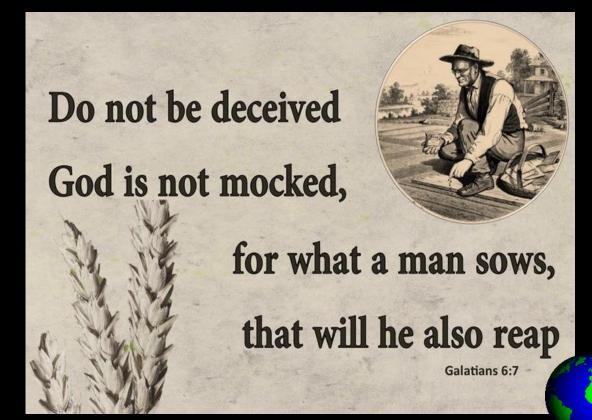


2 — Remnant in the book of 2 Kings God's Judgment on Unfaithfulness

3. Jehoram's unfaithfulness resulted in a loss of control and of chaos. God's judgment was severe, a debilitating illness and honourless death. 2 Kings 8:16-22



For Remnant, this is a stark reminder that God will not bless a life lived apart from His ways, and that unfaithfulness carries significant repercussions. Galatians 6:7



2 – Remnant in the book of 2 Kings Bringing Fire from Heaven

4. Elijah demonstrated God's unlimited power through calling down fire to consume two captains and their men sent by King Ahaziah. 2 Kings 1:9-12

Jesus commissions the Remnant, to spread the Gospel to all nations for a witness and then the end will come. Matthew 24:14



2 – Remnant in the book of 2 Kings God's Plans are Greater Than Our Fears

5. Elijah is ultimate translated to heaven in a whirlwind, transcending death itself. 2 Kings 2:11



Remnant too will be translated to heaven without facing death on this earth. 1 Thessalonians 4:17



2 – Remnant in the book of 2 Kings God Uses Imperfect Vessels

6. God used Elijah, who was far from perfect, but God made him perfect to accomplish His will. 1 & 2 Kings



Remnant need to know that their own imperfections are not an excuse to live in sin but an opportunity for God to accomplish His will. 2 Corinthians 12:9

In the LAST DAYS People Will Be:

2 Timothy 3:1-7

- 1. Lovers of their own selves (Conceited)
- 2. Covetous
- 3. Boasters
- 4. Proud
- 5. Blasphemers
- 6. Unthankful
- 7. Unholy
- 8. Without Natural Affection (Uncompassionate)
- 9. Trucebreakers
- 11. False Accusers
- 11. Incontinent (lacking self-control)
- 13. Fierce
- 13. Despisers of those that are good

- 14. Traitors (Fake)
- 15. Heady (Reckless)
- 16. Highminded
- 17. Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of the
- Most High
- 18. Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof
- 19. Led away with diverse lusts
- 20. Ever learning, & never able to come to the
- knowledge of the truth.

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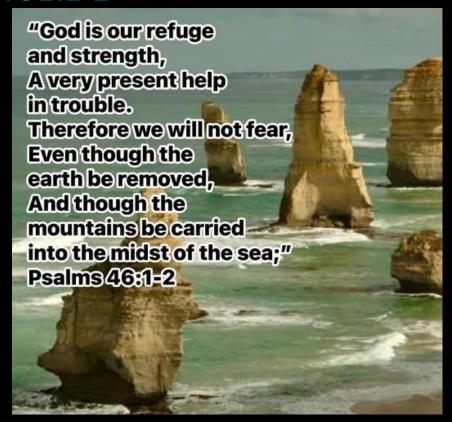


2 — Remnant in the book of 2 Kings Unwavering Faith and Divine Protection

7. When surrounded by the Syrian army, Elisha's servant saw only enemies, but Elisha saw heavenly army of chariots and horses. 2 Kings 6:17



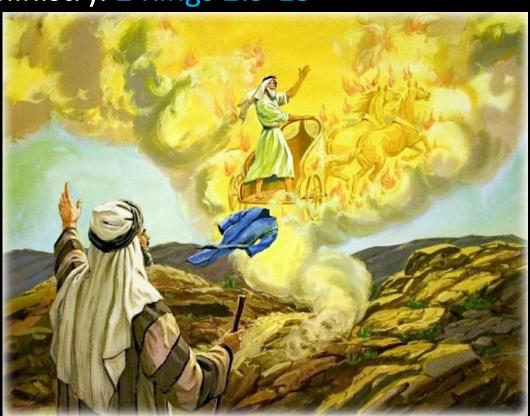
Remnant have to have faith that God is more powerful than any earthly threat, providing refuge in times of trouble. Psalm 91:1-2





2 — Remnant in the book of 2 Kings Purposeful Pursuit of Spiritual Gifts

8. Elishs actively asked for a double portion of Elijah's spirit, demonstrating purpose and clear goals for his life and ministry. 2 Kings 2:9-15



Remnant need to be purposeful in their seeking of spiritual gifts and to define their own spiritual goals. 1 Corinthians 12:7

THREE TYPES OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Manifestational: Supernatural gifts that demonstrate the presence and power of God.

Functional/Motivational: Gifts that lean us towards a "style" while serving others.

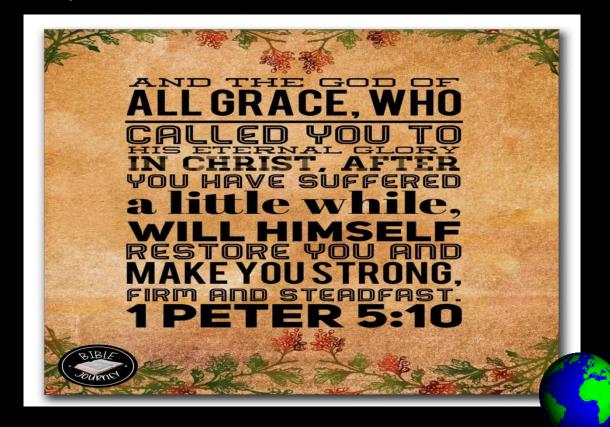
Ministry/Vocational: Leadership gifts to equip the church for service.



2 – Remnant in the book of 2 Kings Miracles for the Remnant

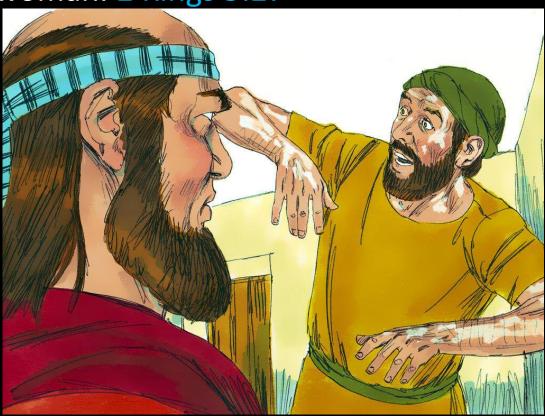
9. Elisha ministry involved the widowed woman's oil, the raising of the Shunammite woman's son, and the healing of the sick. 2 Kings 4:1-37

Remnant are reminded, God actively provides for and restores those who remain faithful to Him, even in desperate situations. 1 Peter 5:10



2 – Remnant in the book of 2 Kings The Consequences of Sin

10. Elisha's servant, Gehazi, was struck with leprosy for his greed and attempts to deceive Elisha and the Shunammite woman. 2 Kings 5:27



A warning to the Remnant that lying, covetousness, and other sins have severe consequences. Hebrews 10:26-31

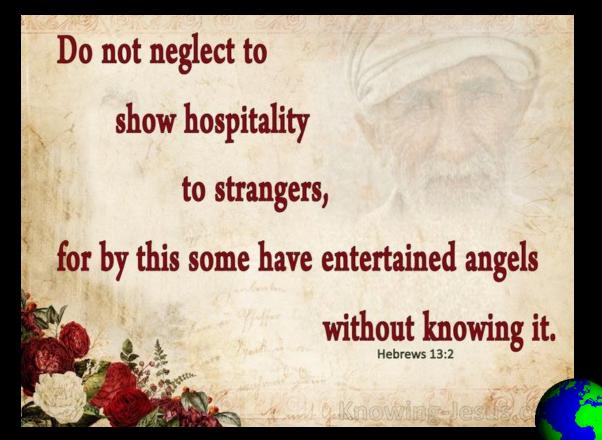


2 – Remnant in the book of 2 Kings Shunammite Woman - Genuine Hospitality

11. She provided a dedicated guest room for Elisha, demonstrating a selfless spirit and a willingness to bless others. 2 Kings 4:8-10



Remnant, should have hospitality to all regardless of the circumstances or who the person is. Hebrews 13:2



2 – Remnant in the book of 2 Kings Shunammite Woman - Trusting God in Crisis

12. When her son died, she believed that God, through Elisha, had the power to bring about a miraculous turnaround. 2 Kings 4:8-37



Remnant, need to remember that God will protect those who have the Seal of God in the time of trouble. Revelation

God in the time of trouble. Revelation

16:2

1st Bowl of Wrath - Earth

Revelation 16:2

"So the 1st Angel went & poured out his Bowl on the Earth, & harmful & painful Sores came upon the people who bore the mark of the beast & worshiped its image."

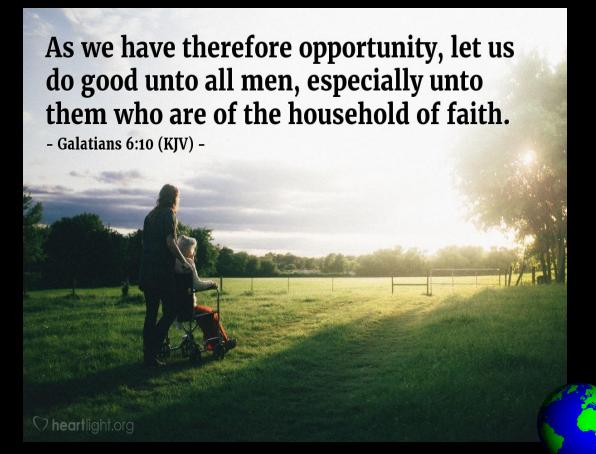
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2 – Remnant in the book of 2 Kings Shunammite Woman - Sowing to the Spirit

13. Her actions of blessing others with her resources and time allowed her to receive a multiplied return from God. 2 Kings 4:8-37.



Remnant are meant to sow to the Spirit to receive bountiful blessings from God. Galatians 6:6-10.

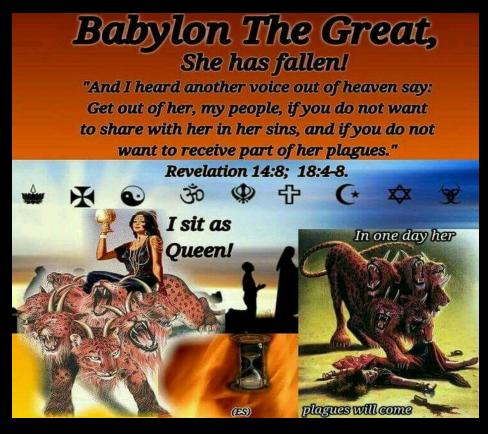


2 – Remnant in the book of 2 Kings Total Obedience, Not Partial

14. Jehu was called by God to eradicate the house of Ahab and Baal worship. 2 Kings 9:1-10:36



Remnant are called by God to call people not to drink of the wine of Babylon. Revelation 14:8





2 – Remnant in the book of 2 Kings Guard Your Heart

15. Jehu's actions, while outwardly impressive, revealed his inner heart was divided. 2 Kings 10:31



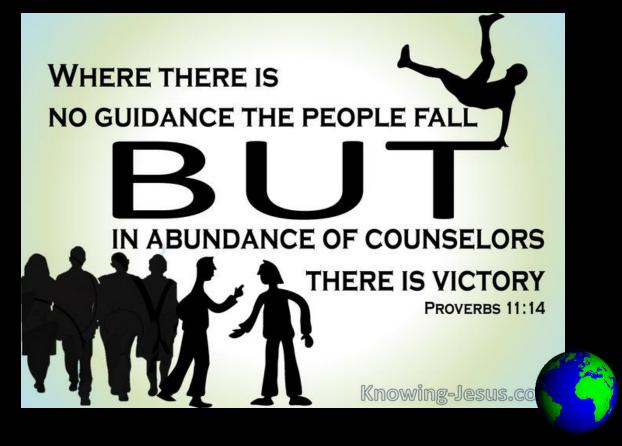
Remnant the critical need to guard their hearts against idolatry and other sins, ensuring their devotion is genuine and complete. 1 John 5:21



2 — Remnant in the book of 2 Kings Humility and Accountability

16. Despite his powerful position, Jehu sought counsel and advice, showing a humble spirit and a need for accountability. 2 Kings 9-10

Remnant, need to understand the importance of godly counsel, especially as one experiences success in pursuing God's work. James 1:5



2 – Remnant in the book of 2 Kings Evil Seizes Opportunity

17. Athaliah, upon hearing of her son's death, immediately and ruthlessly seized the throne. 2 Kings 11:1



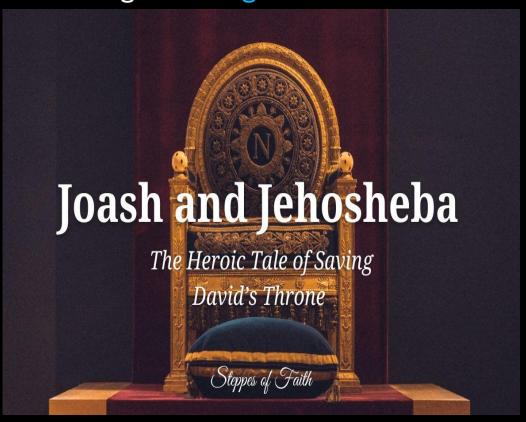
Remnant, should be watchful as wickedness will take advantage of any opening to advance its agenda. 2 Corinthians 2:11



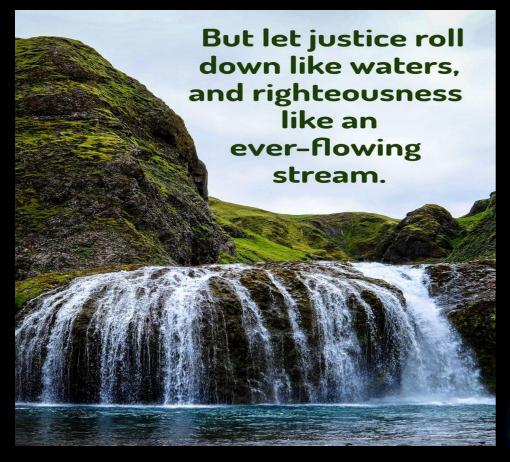


2 – Remnant in the book of 2 Kings Power of Righteous Leadership

18. Jehoiada the priest and Jehosheba the princess patiently waited for the right moment to act courageously standing for what is right. 2 Kings 11:4-12



Remnant need to stand for what is right with all courage all the time and all costs and led by God. 1 Corinthians 16:13

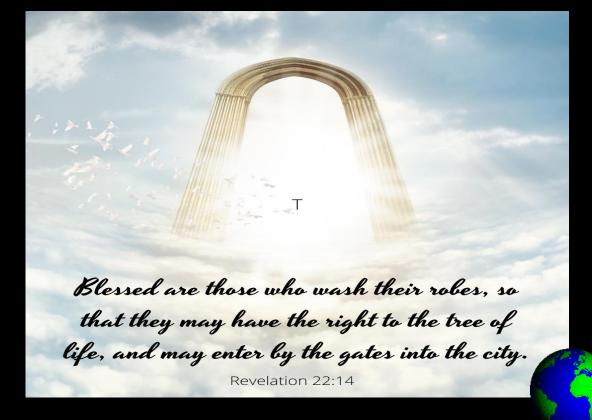




2 — Remnant in the book of 2 Kings A Humble Heart Opens to God's Favor

19. Josiah's tearful reaction to the reading of the Law shows that a humble, repentant heart, opens the door to God's grace. 2 Kings 22:19

Remnant are told to do the Law of God in their lives under all circumstances to be able to inherit heaven and new earth. Revelation 22:14



2 – Remnant in the book of 2 Kings One Person's Impact

20. Josiah's unwavering dedication to God's will shows how a single, Godfearing man can be a catalyst for profound national change. 2 Kings 23:25

Remnant are called to be like Josiah, Daniel, etc... to stand alone if need be that many can come to God for He is able. Romans 9:27-28



3 Lessons for Remnant – Faith and Providence

God's power is supreme: The account of the servant losing an axe head and Elisha throwing a piece of wood into the water to make it float shows that God can perform miracles to solve even seemingly small problems.

Spiritual realities are greater than the physical: The confrontation between Elisha and the Syrian army highlights that even when outnumbered, God's forces (represented by the unseen mountains full of horses and chariots) are more numerous and powerful.



3 Lessons for Remnant – Consequences of Disobedience

Idolatry leads to destruction: The downfall of the northern kingdom of Israel is directly attributed to the idolatry and unfaithfulness of its people and kings, leading to their exile.

Reaping what you sow: The severe consequences faced by the people of Judah, including the plundering of the temple and exile, demonstrate that they faced the results of their continuous refusal to listen to God's prophets.



3 Lessons for Remnant – Trusting God's Word and Commands

Obedience to God's commands
leads to blessing: The story of
Naaman's healing illustrates how
he was miraculously cured of
leprosy only after he obeyed
Elisha's instructions to wash in the
Jordan River.

In a world of spiritual warfare, God's people are equipped: The story of Elisha and the servant shows that God provides spiritual weapons and empowers His followers to overcome evil forces and live according to His will.

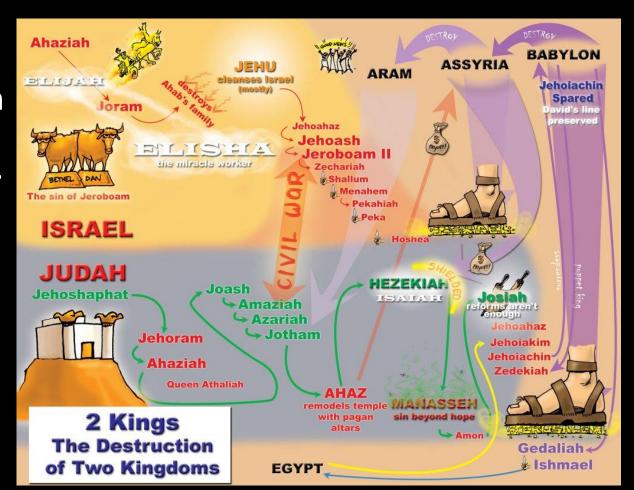


Conclusion

God's faithful people from 2 Kings include the importance of faith in God's power and providence, as seen in Elisha's miracles like floating an axe head and the healing of Naaman.

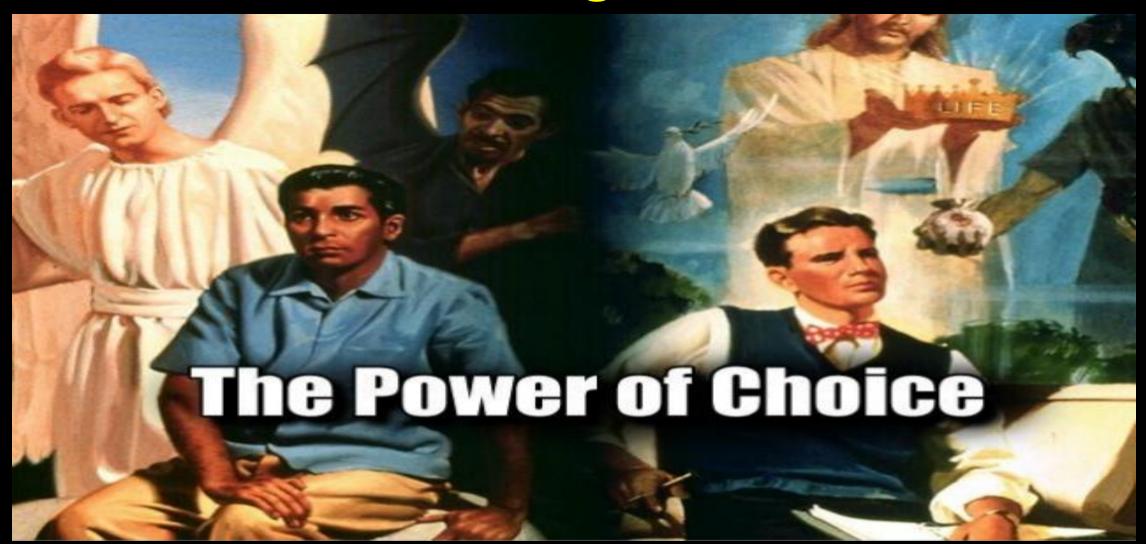
The book also teaches the consequences of disobedience and idolatry, as demonstrated by the fall of the northern kingdom of Israel, and the vital role of trusting God's word and commands, even when facing overwhelming circumstances.

Additionally, the stories of figures like Hezekiah and Josiah inspire the power of leadership to initiate reform and trust in the Lord.

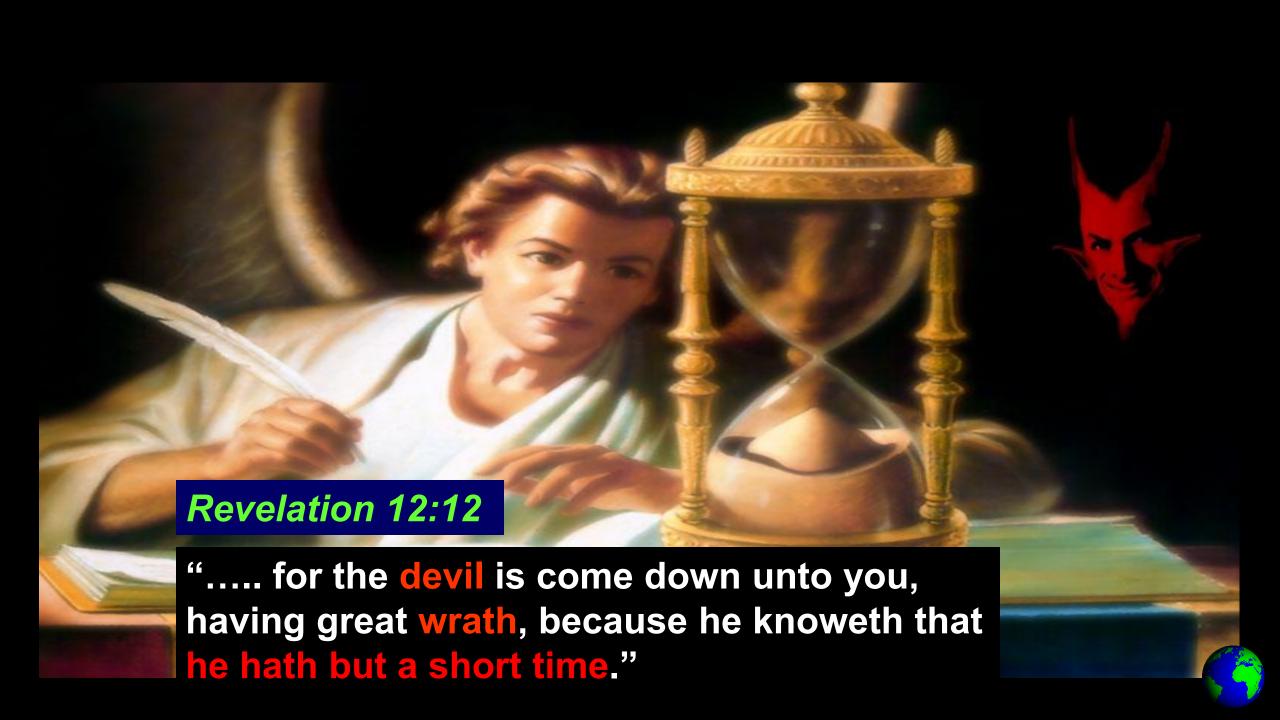




God has given all:







Enter The Ark of Hope

- 1. Diet
- 2. Discipline
- 3. Decalogue

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

- John 10:16

The Ark of the Covenant





Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. -Revelation 3:20





