
II Kings, The Book of Captivity, Dispersion

Quick Review:

I Samuel	II Samuel	I Kings	II Kings
Transition	Restoration	Division	
Theocracy to Monarchy	David Subdues enemies of Israel	Kingdom divides after Solomon	
Man's King	God's King		
Saul	David	Solomon	

Outline of II Kings:

1. Records of The _____ Kingdom, _____

Chapters 1-10, Focus on the Northern Kingdom and the Ministry of Elisha

2. Alternating Records of Both _____ and _____

Chapters 11-17 and alternates from one kingdom to another until Israel, the Northern Kingdom is besieged by the Assyrians.

3. The Continued Record of _____, the _____ Kingdom

Chapters 18-25, includes the continued records of the Kings of Judah, who seem to flip flop between serving the Lord and Evil. The book ends in chapter 25 with Babylon overtaking the Kingdom of Judah and destroying Jerusalem and the Temple.

Judah's (Southern Kingdom) Kings recorded in II Kings:

Jehoram - 8 years
Ahaziah - 1 year
Athaliah - 6 years
Joash - 40 years
Amaziah - 29 years
Azariah (Uzziah) - 52 years
Jotham - 16 years
Ahaz - 16 years
Hezekiah - 29 years
Manasseh - 55 years
Amon - 2 years
Josiah - 31 years
Jehoahaz - 3 months
Jehoiakim - 11 years
Jehoiachin - 3 months
Zedekiah - 11 years (until captivity of Babylon)

Israel's (Northern Kingdom) Kings recorded in II Kings:

Jehoram - 12 years
Jehu - 28 years
Jehoahaz - 17 years
Jehoash - 16 years
Jeroboam II - 41 years
Shallum - 1 month
Menahem - 10 years
Pekahiah - 2 years
Pekah - 20 years
Hoshea - 9 years (until Captivity of Assyria)

Summary of II Kings: The summary of the book can be described with just three words:

_____ , _____ , _____

Isaiah 12 and II Kings

Chapter 12 is just a 6 verse chapter, but the entire chapter has to do with Israel's praise to God for Christ _____ them in the land.

Isaiah 12 is a _____ chapter.

Notice these two contrasting verses:

2 Kings 22:17 and Isaiah 12:1

So Isaiah is speaking of a future time of Israel's regathering to the land in the millennial kingdom and the praises due to God during that return.

Isaiah 12:6 KJV - "*Cry out and shout, **thou inhabitant of Zion:** for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.*"

A Word of Prophecy -

3 Diasporas and 3 Aliyahs in the Scriptures:

Diaspora - "dispersion from the land"

Aliyah - "ascent to the land"

1. Egypt (Genesis 46) and Back (Exodus)
2. Babylon (II Kings) and Back (Ezra and Nehemiah)
3. Jerusalem's destruction by Rome (70AD) and the scattering of the Jews over the world and Back (1948 to the present) Ezekiel 34:11-31

Isaiah 12 is a praise to God about this last and final Aliyah, And we are watching the beginnings of it taking place! So while II Kings is the sad story of the dispersion of the Jews, Isaiah 12 speaks of a wonderful time when Israel will be completely regathered into the land with reason to praise. We are personal witnesses to the beginning of this today!