

# Old Testament Introduction

## *The Book of 2 Kings*

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### INTRODUCTION

- 1) The Book of 2 Kings is a continuation of the book of 1 Kings. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ historical book.
- 2) The Book of 2 Kings is the \_\_\_\_\_ book of all the Jewish historical books.
  - ◆ It records the carrying away of Israel (Northern Kingdom) by Assyria in \_\_\_\_\_ BC., and the captivity of Judah by Babylon in \_\_\_\_\_ BC.
  - ◆ It is often called the "Book of \_\_\_\_\_."
- 3) **1 & 2 Kings**
  - ◆ Begins with King \_\_\_\_\_ --Ends with the King of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ◆ Opens with Solomon's \_\_\_\_\_ --Closes with Jehoiachin's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ◆ Begins with the blessings of \_\_\_\_\_ --Closes with the curse of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ◆ Traces the \_\_\_\_\_ of apostasy--Describes the consequences of apostasy.
  - ◆ Shows how kings failed to \_\_\_\_\_ God's people--Shows the consequences of that failure.
  - ◆ The prophet \_\_\_\_\_ is introduced--The prophet Elijah is translated.
  - ◆ Reveals the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord--Reveals the Lord's sure punishment of sin.

### AUTHORSHIP

- 1) **The Traditional view:** According to the Talmud (*Jewish traditional writings*), \_\_\_\_\_ was the author.
- 2) **The Critical view:** Critics would say that the book of Kings was compiled from different historical sources by the Deuteronomist ("*D*" of the *JEDP theory*). In their theory, this person was the same writer involved with the compiling of Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, etc.

### RECIPIENTS

The book of 2 Kings was written to the \_\_\_\_\_, declining, and ultimately deported nation.

### DATE OF WRITING

The Book of 2 Kings covers a period of about \_\_\_\_\_ years from approximately 853 BC to about the middle of the 6th century BC.

### PURPOSE OF BOOK

- ◆ To provide a history of the divided kingdom from the death of \_\_\_\_\_ and Jehoshaphat to the fall of the Northern Kingdom and the captivity of the Southern Kingdom.
- ◆ To demonstrate the fate that awaits all who refuse to make \_\_\_\_\_ their true leader.

### THEME OF THE BOOK

The theme of 2 Kings is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Word of the Lord. The standards of worship and morals set by God had been violated. To correct this, the Lord sent His prophets to warn, and if possible, lead back the children of Israel. Israel failed to heed "*the word of the Lord*" so God, in His anger and fulfillment of His Word, gave them over to their \_\_\_\_\_.

### OUTLINE

- I. The Closing Ministry of Elijah **1:1-2:2**
- II. The Long Ministry of Elisha **2:2-13:21**
- III. The Passing of Israel **13:22-17**
- IV. The Passing of Judah **18-25**