

## 2 Kings 13-14

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### 2 Kings 13

#### Jehoahaz Reigns in Israel

<sup>1</sup> In the twenty-third year of Joash<sup>[a]</sup> the son of Ahaziah, king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu became king over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* seventeen years. <sup>2</sup> And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. He did not depart from them.

<sup>3</sup> Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel, and He delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-Hadad the son of Hazael, all *their* days. <sup>4</sup> So Jehoahaz pleaded with the LORD, and the LORD listened to him; for He saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them. <sup>5</sup> Then the LORD gave Israel a deliverer, so that they escaped from under the hand of the Syrians; and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents as before. <sup>6</sup> Nevertheless they did not depart from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who had made Israel sin, *but* walked in them; and the wooden image<sup>[b]</sup> also remained in Samaria. <sup>7</sup> For He left of the army of Jehoahaz only fifty horsemen, ten chariots, and ten thousand foot soldiers; for the king of Syria had destroyed them and made them like the dust at threshing.

<sup>8</sup> Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, all that he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? <sup>9</sup> So Jehoahaz rested with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria. Then Joash his son reigned in his place.

#### Jehoash Reigns in Israel

<sup>10</sup> In the thirty-seventh year of Joash king of Judah, Jehoash<sup>[c]</sup> the son of Jehoahaz became king over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* sixteen years. <sup>11</sup> And he did evil in the sight of the LORD. He did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin, *but* walked in them.

<sup>12</sup> Now the rest of the acts of Joash, all that he did, and his might with which he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

<sup>13</sup> So Joash rested with his fathers. Then Jeroboam sat on his throne. And Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

#### Death of Elisha

<sup>14</sup> Elisha had become sick with the illness of which he would die. Then Joash the king of Israel came down to him, and wept over his face, and said, "O my father, my father, the chariots of Israel and their horsemen!"

<sup>15</sup> And Elisha said to him, "Take a bow and some arrows." So he took himself a bow and some arrows. <sup>16</sup> Then he said to the king of Israel, "Put your hand on the bow." So he put his hand *on it*, and Elisha put his hands on the king's hands. <sup>17</sup> And he said, "Open the east window"; and he opened *it*. Then Elisha said, "Shoot"; and he shot. And he said, "The arrow of the LORD's

deliverance and the arrow of deliverance from Syria; for you must strike the Syrians at Aphek till you have destroyed *them*.”<sup>18</sup> Then he said, “Take the arrows”; so he took *them*. And he said to the king of Israel, “Strike the ground”; so he struck three times, and stopped.<sup>19</sup> And the man of God was angry with him, and said, “You should have struck five or six times; then you would have struck Syria till you had destroyed *it!* But now you will strike Syria *only* three times.”<sup>20</sup> Then Elisha died, and they buried him. And the *raiding* bands from Moab invaded the land in the spring of the year.<sup>21</sup> So it was, as they were burying a man, that suddenly they spied a band of *raiders*; and they put the man in the tomb of Elisha; and when the man was let down and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet.

### Israel Recaptures Cities from Syria

<sup>22</sup> And Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.<sup>23</sup> But the LORD was gracious to them, had compassion on them, and regarded them, because of His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not yet destroy them or cast them from His presence.<sup>24</sup> Now Hazael king of Syria died. Then Ben-Hadad his son reigned in his place.<sup>25</sup> And Jehoash<sup>[d]</sup> the son of Jehoahaz recaptured from the hand of Ben-Hadad, the son of Hazael, the cities which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times Joash defeated him and recaptured the cities of Israel.

## 2 Kings 14

### Amaziah Reigns in Judah

<sup>1</sup> In the second year of Joash the son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel, Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, became king.<sup>2</sup> He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother’s name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.<sup>3</sup> And he did *what was* right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like his father David; he did everything as his father Joash had done.<sup>4</sup> However the high places were not taken away, and the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

<sup>5</sup> Now it happened, as soon as the kingdom was established in his hand, that he executed his servants who had murdered his father the king.<sup>6</sup> But the children of the murderers he did not execute, according to what is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, in which the LORD commanded, saying, “Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall children be put to death for their fathers; but a person shall be put to death for his own sin.”<sup>[e]</sup>

<sup>7</sup> He killed ten thousand Edomites in the Valley of Salt, and took Sela by war, and called its name Joktheel to this day.

<sup>8</sup> Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash<sup>[f]</sup> the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, “Come, let us face one another *in battle*.”<sup>9</sup> And Jehoash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, “The thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, ‘Give your daughter to my son as wife’; and a wild beast that *was* in Lebanon passed by and trampled the thistle.<sup>10</sup> You have indeed defeated Edom, and your heart has lifted you up. Glory *in that*, and stay at home; for why should you meddle with trouble so that you fall—you and Judah with you?”

<sup>11</sup> But Amaziah would not heed. Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went out; so he and Amaziah king of Judah faced one another at Beth Shemesh, which *belongs* to Judah.<sup>12</sup> And Judah was

defeated by Israel, and every man fled to his tent. <sup>13</sup> Then Jehoash king of Israel captured Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash, the son of Ahaziah, at Beth Shemesh; and he went to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the Gate of Ephraim to the Corner Gate—four hundred cubits. <sup>14</sup> And he took all the gold and silver, all the articles that were found in the house of the LORD and in the treasuries of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

<sup>15</sup> Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did—his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah—*are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? <sup>16</sup> So Jehoash rested with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel. Then Jeroboam his son reigned in his place.

<sup>17</sup> Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, lived fifteen years after the death of Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel. <sup>18</sup> Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? <sup>19</sup> And they formed a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish and killed him there. <sup>20</sup> Then they brought him on horses, and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the City of David.

<sup>21</sup> And all the people of Judah took Azariah,<sup>[g]</sup> who *was* sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah. <sup>22</sup> He built Elath and restored it to Judah, after the king rested with his fathers.

#### **Jeroboam II Reigns in Israel**

<sup>23</sup> In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, became king in Samaria, *and reigned* forty-one years. <sup>24</sup> And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. <sup>25</sup> He restored the territory of Israel from the entrance of Hamath to the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the LORD God of Israel, which He had spoken through His servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet who *was* from Gath Hopher. <sup>26</sup> For the LORD saw *that* the affliction of Israel *was* very bitter; and whether bond or free, there was no helper for Israel. <sup>27</sup> And the LORD did not say that He would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven; but He saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

<sup>28</sup> Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did—his might, how he made war, and how he recaptured for Israel, from Damascus and Hamath, *what had belonged* to Judah—*are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? <sup>29</sup> So Jeroboam rested with his fathers, the kings of Israel. Then Zechariah his son reigned in his place

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## John 2

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### John 2

#### Water Turned to Wine

<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.”

<sup>4</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.”

<sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do *it*.”

<sup>6</sup> Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> And He said to them, “Draw *some* out now, and take *it* to the master of the feast.” And they took *it*. <sup>9</sup> When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. <sup>10</sup> And he said to him, “Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the *guests* have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!”

<sup>11</sup> This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His

disciples believed in Him.

<sup>12</sup> After this He went down to Capernaum, He, His mother, His brothers, and His disciples; and they did not stay there many days.

### **Jesus Cleanses the Temple**

<sup>13</sup> Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business.

<sup>15</sup> When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. <sup>16</sup> And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" <sup>17</sup> Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "*Zeal for Your house has eaten* <sup>[a]</sup> *Me up.*" <sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>18</sup> So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?"

<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

<sup>20</sup> Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

<sup>21</sup> But He was speaking of the temple of His body. <sup>22</sup> Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; <sup>[c]</sup> and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

### **The Discerner of Hearts**

<sup>23</sup> Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. <sup>24</sup> But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all *men*, <sup>25</sup> and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.