

Lesson 18

Three Kings of Israel and Two Kings of Judah
(2 Kings 13:1 – 15:7; 2 Chronicles 25:1 – 26:23)

Questions

1. How long did Jehoahaz reign over Israel and what kind of king was he (2 K. 13:1-2)?
2. Why did Jehoahaz pray to the Lord and how did the Lord respond (2 K. 13:3-9)?
3. How did the people of Israel respond to Syria's oppression and the Lord's deliverance (2 K. 13:6)?
4. How long did Jehoash (Joash) reign over Israel and what kind of king was he (2 K. 13:10-13)?
5. What did Elisha tell Jehoash (Joash) king of Israel to do that would symbolize his victory over Syria (2 K. 13:14-19)?
6. What happened to a dead man who touched the bones of Elisha (2 K. 13:20-21)?
7. How did the Lord show his grace and compassion toward Israel during the reign of Jehoahaz (2 K. 13:22-25)?
8. How long did Amaziah reign over Judah and what kind of king was he (2 K. 14:1-4; 2 Chron. 25:1-2)?
9. Who did Amaziah put to death and who did he not put to death (2 K. 14:5-7; 2 Chron. 25:3-4)?

10. With whose help did Amaziah and the army of Judah defeat the Edomites (2 Chron. 25:5-13)?

11. Why was the Lord angry with Amaziah and how did Amaziah respond to the Lord's prophet (2 Chron. 25:14-16)?

12. What did Amaziah king of Judah want to do with Jehoash king of Israel and why (2 K. 14:8-10; 2 Chron. 25:13, 17-19, 20)?

13. What did Jehoash do to Ahaziah, Jerusalem, and the temple before he died (2 K. 14:11-16; 2 Chron. 25:20-24)?

14. How did Amaziah die and who took his place as king (2 K. 14:17-22; 2 Chron. 25:25-28)?

15. How long did Jeroboam (II) reign over Israel and what kind of king was he (2 K. 14:23-24)?

16. What did Jeroboam (II) do for Israel before he died (2 K. 14:25-29)?

17. How long did Azariah (Uzziah) reign over Judah and what kind of king was he (2 K. 15:1-4; 2 Chron. 26:1-5)?

18. What prosperity did Azariah (Uzziah) experience with God's help (2 Chron. 26:6-15)?

19. What did Azariah (Uzziah) do when he was strong and why did the Lord smite him with leprosy (2 K. 15:5-7; 2 Chron. 26:16-23)?

Digging Deeper

1. What are the approximate dates for the reigns of Jehoahaz, Jehoash (Joash), and Jeroboam (II) over Israel (2 K. 13:1-9; 13:10-25; 14:23-29)?
2. What are the approximate dates for the reigns of Amaziah and Azariah (Uzziah) over Judah (2 K. 14:1-22; 15:1-6)?
3. Where earlier in 2 Kings had Elisha said that Hazael king of Syria would fight against Israel (2 K. 13:3-5)?
4. Where earlier in 2 Kings do we read the statement: "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and the horsemen thereof" (2 K. 13:14)?
5. Where earlier in 2 Kings are we told about the death of Amaziah's father (2 K. 14:5)?
6. What OT scripture is referenced in 2 Kings 14:6 and 2 Chronicles 25:4?
7. Who was Jonah the son of Amittai and where else in the Bible are we told about him (2 K. 14:25)?
8. Which two "minor" prophets ministered during the reign of Jeroboam (II) king of Israel (2 K. 14:23-29)?
9. Which "major" prophet and which two "minor" prophets ministered during the reign of Uzziah king of Judah (2 Chron. 26:22)? What event of nature happened during the days of Uzziah king of Judah?

10. Locate on a map the following: Edom, the Valley of Salt, and Sela (2 K. 14:7), Beth-shemesh (2 K. 14:11), and Lachish (2 K. 14:19)?

Applications for Today

1. Be careful. Your sins can be imitated by future generations (2 K. 13:2, 11; 14:24; 2 Pet. 2:2; 3 Jn. 11).
2. The Lord gets angry at our sin (2 K. 13:3; 2 Chron. 25:15; Deut. 9:18; Isa. 13:9; Dan. 9:16).
3. Pray to the Lord and he will hear and answer (2 K. 13:4; Psa. 4:1; 20:1; 120:1; 143:1).
4. Don't continue in sin after the Lord has been gracious to you (2 K. 13:6; Rom. 6:1).
5. Don't self-limit your own future success (2 K. 13:18-19; Judg. 6:15).
6. Dead people (both physical dead and spiritual dead) can and will come back to life (2 K. 13:20-21; Rom. 6:3-5).
7. The Lord is gracious and compassionate toward the oppression of his people even when they are living in sin (2 K. 13:22-25; 14:26-27; Jer. 30:18; Lam. 3:22; Mic. 7:19; Lk. 15:20; 2 Pet. 3:8-9).
8. When you do what is right, but not with a "perfect heart", you leave yourself open to do what is wrong later (2 Chron. 25:2, 14-16, 27; 1 K. 11:4; 15:3).
9. God has power to help and to cast down (2 Chron. 25:8-9; 14:11; 20:6; Psa. 106:8).
10. Idols (false gods) do not have the power to save (2 Chron. 25:14-15; Judg. 10:13-14; Jer. 2:28; 11:12).
11. Do not reject the Lord's word just because you don't like it (2 Chron. 25:16; Prov. 12:15; Jer. 7:24; 38:15).
12. Seeking God and obedience leads to spiritual prosperity (2 Chron. 14:7; 26:5; 31:21; Josh. 1:8; Psa. 1:1-3).
13. God will help us, but not when we get proud and leave him (2 Chron. 26:15; Jas. 4:6).
14. Pride leads to sin and it goes before a fall (2 K. 14:8-14; 2 Chron. 25:19; 26:16-21; Prov. 16:18).

15. Don't be afraid to stand up against all that is wrong among God's people
(2 Chron. 26:17-18; Prov. 28:4; Eph. 6:14; Phil. 1:27; Jude 3).

16. We sin when we act without Bible authority (2 Chron. 26:18; Lev. 10:1-2; Acts 15:24;
Col. 3:17).