

Review of II Kings

Students Handout

Theme: **God's Faithfulness, Judgment, Revival, and the Call to Wholehearted Obedience**

Read Key Theme Verses (2 minutes)

Suggested verses:

- 2 Kings 2:9
- 2 Kings 17:39
- 2 Kings 19:19
- 2 Kings 23:3

Introduction Overview (5 mins)

The Book of II Kings continues the history of the divided kingdoms of Israel and Judah and traces their spiritual decline, moments of revival, prophetic ministry, and eventual judgment. The book records the ministries of Elijah and Elisha, the rise and fall of kings, and the consequences of either obeying or rejecting God's Word.

One of the major themes throughout II Kings is that God's Word always comes to pass. Prophecies spoken by Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, Huldah, and other servants of God were fulfilled exactly as God declared. The book repeatedly demonstrates that obedience brings blessing and protection, while idolatry and compromise lead to spiritual decline and judgment.

II Kings also emphasizes the importance of godly leadership. Some kings, such as Hezekiah and Josiah, sought the Lord and led the people toward reform and covenant renewal. Others embraced idolatry, rejected God's warnings, and led the nation into corruption. The spiritual condition of the people was often shaped by the example of their leaders.

The ministry of the prophets is another key focus. Through Elijah and especially Elisha, God demonstrated His power over sickness, famine, enemies, death, and nature itself. These miracles revealed God's compassion, sovereignty, and willingness to help those who trust Him.

Although the book contains many accounts of judgment and national collapse, it also highlights God's mercy, patience, and faithfulness to His covenant promises. Even during times of darkness, God preserved a faithful remnant and continued to work through individuals who humbled themselves before Him.

For believers today, II Kings offers practical lessons about wholehearted devotion, spiritual compromise, leadership, repentance, faith, prayer, and perseverance. The book challenges us to trust God completely, obey His Word fully, and remain faithful even in spiritually difficult times.

PART 2 — 25-QUESTION MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUIZ (25 mins)

REVIEW SUMMARIES & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (25 Mins)

Study 1 — Passing the Mantle 2 Kings 1 & 2

God calls faithful people to continue His work. Elisha's persistence and loyalty prepared him for spiritual leadership.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is humility important when seeking answers from God?
2. What can we learn from Elisha's persistence and loyalty?

Study 2 — Faith in Action 2 Kings 3 & 4

God often asks His people to obey before they see the answer. Faith trusts God during impossible situations.

Discussion Questions

1. Why does God sometimes ask us to obey before we see the answer?
2. How can faith grow during difficult situations?

Study 3 — God's Power in Impossible Situations 2 Kings 5 & 6

Naaman's healing reminds us that humility and obedience are essential in receiving from God.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is humility essential in receiving from God?
2. What modern forms of greed or compromise hinder spiritual growth?

Study 4 — God's Deliverance in Crisis Times and Following Godly Examples

2 Kings 7 & 8

God can bring sudden deliverance and uses unexpected people to accomplish His purposes.

Discussion Questions

1. Why should believers maintain hope during impossible situations?
2. How does our example influence others spiritually?

Study 5 — Zeal, Judgment, and the Cost of Partial Obedience 2 Kings 9 & 10

Outward zeal is not enough. God desires wholehearted devotion and complete obedience.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the difference between zeal and wholehearted obedience?
2. Why is partial obedience spiritually dangerous?

Study 6 — Restoring God’s Order

2 Kings 11 & 12

God works behind the scenes to preserve His promises and raise up faithful leaders.

Discussion Questions

1. How does God work behind the scenes today?
2. Why are godly mentors important?

Study 7 — Half-heartedness in Following God

2 Kings 13 & 14

Partial obedience limits spiritual victory and leaves the heart vulnerable to compromise.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is half-hearted obedience dangerous?
2. How can believers avoid spiritual complacency?

Study 8 — The Decline of the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah

2 Kings 15 & 16

Spiritual compromise eventually produces instability, weakness, and decline.

Discussion Questions

1. What dangers come from tolerated compromise?
2. How does spiritual decline affect leadership?

Study 9 — The Consequences of Idolatry vs. the Power of Trusting God

2 Kings 17 & 18

Idolatry leads people away from God, while trusting Him brings protection and strength.

Discussion Questions

1. What modern forms of idolatry exist today?
2. How does trusting God differ from depending on human solutions?

Study 10 — Hezekiah’s Faithful Reign

2 Kings 19 & 20

Prayer and humility invite God’s help during fearful and impossible situations.

Discussion Questions

1. How should believers respond to fear?
2. What does it mean spiritually to “set our houses in order”?

Study 11 — Standing for God in a Corrupt Culture

2 Kings 21 & 22

Revival begins when people respond humbly and sincerely to God’s Word.

Discussion Questions

1. What modern influences resemble the corruption of Manasseh's reign?
2. How should believers respond when convicted by God's Word?

Study 12 — Josiah's Radical Reform and Wholehearted Devotion to God

2 Kings 23

True repentance leads to action, renewed worship, and wholehearted devotion.

Discussion Questions

1. What idols compete for our hearts today?
2. What practical steps help believers pursue wholehearted devotion?

Study 13 — The Fall of Judah and Jerusalem

2 Kings 24 & 25

Even during judgment, God remained faithful to His covenant purposes.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do people often ignore spiritual warnings?
2. What hope remains even during seasons of discipline?

FINAL REFLECTION

As you study II Kings, consider:

- Am I trusting God fully?
- Are there areas of compromise in my life?
- How can I pursue wholehearted obedience?
- What spiritual influence am I having on others?

May these studies encourage deeper faith, stronger devotion, and greater trust in God's Word.