

Elisha - Reaping the Harvest of Sin

II Kings 8:1-29



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Introduction:

I. THE RETURN OF THE SHUNEMITE (vs. 1-6)

A. Relocation (vs. 1-2)

“Elisha spoke to the woman whose son he had restored to life, saying, ‘Arise and go with your household, and sojourn wherever you can sojourn; for the LORD has called for a famine, and it will even come on the land for seven years.’ ”

“she went with her household and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years”

B. Return (vs. 3)

“at the end of seven years, the woman returned from the land of the Philistines”

“she went out to appeal to the king for her house and for her field”

C. Restoration (vs. 4-6)

“the king was talking with Gehazi, the servant of the man of God, saying, ‘Please relate to me all the great things that Elisha has done.’ ”

“My lord, O king, this is the woman and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life.”

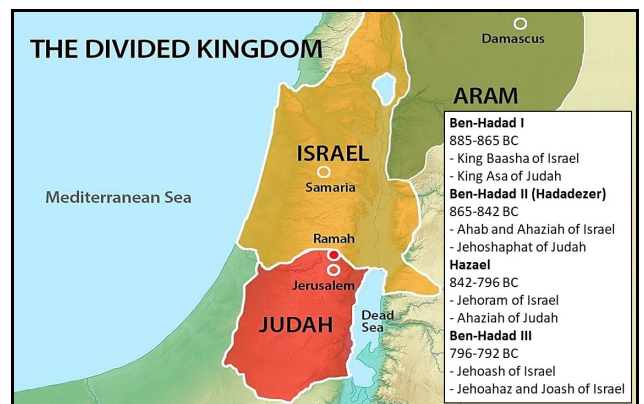
“So the king appointed for her a certain officer, saying, ‘Restore all that was hers and all the produce of the field from the day that she left the land even until now.’ ”

II. THE REGICIDE OF THE SYRIAN KING (vs. 7-15)

A. Ben-Hadad's Affliction (vs. 7-10)

“then Elisha came to Damascus. Now Ben-hadad king of Aram was sick”

“Take a gift in your hand and go to meet the man of God, and inquire of the LORD by him, saying, ‘Will I recover from this sickness?’ So Hazael...took a gift...even every kind of good thing of Damascus, forty camels’ loads....”



“Go, say to him, ‘You will surely recover,’ but the LORD has shown me that he will certainly die.”

B. Hazael's Assassination (vs. 11-17)

“he fixed his gaze steadily on him until he was ashamed, and the man of God wept”

“On the following day, he took the cover and dipped it in water and spread it on his face, so that he died. And Hazael became king in his place.”

III. THE RULERS IN THE SOUTH (vs. 18-29)

A. Jehoram, Judah's 5th King (vs. 16-24)

"In the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel...Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah became king. He was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem"

"He walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for the daughter of Ahab became his wife; and he did evil in the sight of the LORD. However, the LORD was not willing to destroy Judah, for the sake of David His servant, since He had promised him to give a lamp to him through his sons always."

"In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah..."

"The rest of the acts of Joram and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah? So Joram slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David; and Ahaziah his son became king in his place."

B. Ahaziah, Judah's 6th King (vs. 25-29)

"In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah began to reign. Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah the granddaughter of Omri king of Israel."

"He walked in the way of the house of Ahab and did evil in the sight of the LORD, like the house of Ahab had done, because he was a son-in-law of the house of Ahab."

vs. 28-29 - introduction for next week

Conclusion:

THE KINGS OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH						
The Ministry of Elisha						
Passage in Kings	Kings of Israel	Dates	Timeline	Dates	Kings of Judah	Passage in Kings
I Ki. 15:25-31	Nadab (2 years)	909-908	B.C. 910	910-869	Asa (41 years)	I Ki. 15:9-24
I Ki. 15:32 - 16:7	Baasha (24 years)	908-886	905 900 895			
I Ki. 16:8-14	Elah (2 years)	886-885	890			
I Ki. 16:15-20	Zimri (7 days)	885	885			
I Ki. 16:21-22	Tibni (coregency)	885-880	880			
I Ki. 16:23-28	Omni (coregency) (12 years total*)	(885-880) 885-874	875 870	(872-869) 872-848	Jehosaphat (coregency) (25 years total)	I Ki. 22:41-50
I Ki. 16:29 - 22:40	Ahab (22 years*)	874-853	865 860			
I Ki. 22:51 - II Ki. 1:18	Ahaziah (2 years*)	853-852	855	(853-848)	Jehoram (coregency)	II Ki. 8:16-24
II Ki. 1:17; 3:1 - 8:15	Joram (12 years*)	852-841	850 845	853-841 841	(8 years sole reign*) Ahaziah (1 year)	II Ki. 8:25-29; 9:29
II Ki. 9:30 - 10:36	Jehu (28 years)	841-814	840 835 830 825 820	841-835 835-796	Athaliah (7 years) Joash (40 years)	II Ki. 11:1-20 II Ki. 11:21-12:21
II Ki. 13:1-9	Jehoahaz (17 years)	814-798	815 810 805 800			* due to "year of accession" accounting the actual time is c. 1 year less
II Ki. 13:10-25						