

P.T. BIBLE SURVEY

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- ◎ Timing of Events:

- From 853 to 560 B.C.
- From Solomon's reign to Ahaziah's reign
- 2 Kings covers 286 years.

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- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
 - Both Jewish nations are destroyed for their disobedience to God.

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◎ Cast of Characters:

- **God:** brings about the captivity of Israel in Babylon.
- **Ahaziah:** king of Israel who angers God by consulting a false deity.
- **Elijah:** prophet who destroys soldiers sent by Ahaziah
- **Elisha:** prophet inherits double portion from Elijah
- **Naaman:** commander of Aram's forces; healed of leprosy by Elisha
- **Jehu:** anointed king of Israel by Elisha

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◎ Cast of Characters:

- **Isaiah:** one of the greatest prophets of the Bible
- **Nebuchadnezzar:** king of Babylon; destroys Jerusalem and enslaves its people
- **Jehoiachin:** king of Judah; rules under license from Babylon

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- ◎ Where is the work of Christ?
 - 2 Kings presents the ministries of Elijah and Elisha, prophets through whom God performed mighty acts. Jesus is described as “a Prophet powerful in action and speech before God and all the people”. (Luke 24:19)

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Verse to Remember

- ◎ The Lord rejected all the descendants of Israel and afflicted them and gave them into the hand of plunderers, until He had cast them out of His sight. (2 Kings 17:20 NASB)

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◉ Interesting Facts:

- There was a Queen who reigned in 2 Kings 11 for 6 years. Her name was Athaliah, and is widely believed to be the daughter of Ahab and Jezebel.
- Josiah was not only one of the best kings; he was the youngest at 8 years old, and reigned for 31 years. (2 Kings 22:1)

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- ◎ What is my take away?
 - Nothing good ever comes out of division, because it moves us further away from God.

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◎ Home Study

- Read a chapter daily in 2 Kings this week.
- Study the One Sentence Summary.
- Recite your memory verses daily.