

LIVING FOR GOD
A STUDY OF 2 KINGS
#1: DON'T MAKE FUN OF BALD GUYS
2 KINGS 1-2
JIM HINTON



I. INTRODUCING 1 AND 2 KINGS (ORIGINALLY ONE BOOK)

- 1. Who wrote this book?**
- 2. When was it written?**
- 3. What period of history does this book cover?**
- 4. Why was Kings written and why should we study it?**

- **Key verse:**

“As for you, if you will follow me with integrity and godliness, as David your father did, obeying all my commands, decrees, and regulations, then I will establish the throne of your dynasty over Israel forever. For I made this promise to your father, David: ‘One of your descendants will always sit on the throne of Israel.’ “But if you or your descendants abandon me and disobey the commands and decrees I have given you, and if you serve and worship other gods, then I will uproot Israel from this land that I have given them. I will reject this Temple that I have made holy to honor my name. I will make Israel an object of mockery and ridicule among the nations.

1 Kings 9:4-7 (NLT)

- **Suggested outlines of 2 Kings**

From *Be Distance (2 Kings and 2 Chronicles: Standing Firmly Against the World's Tides)* by Dr. Warren Wiersbe

- I. The ministry of Elisha – 2 Kings 1-13
- II. The fall of Samaria – 2 Kings 14-17
- III. The captivity of Judah – 2 Kings 18-25

From <https://walkwithscripture.com>

- I. Elijah's Last Acts and Elisha's Ministry (Chapters 1-2)
- II. Elisha's Miracles and Jehu's Reforms (Chapters 3-10)
- III. Decline and Fall of Israel (Chapters 11-17)
- IV. Hezekiah's Reforms and Deliverance (Chapters 18-20)
- V. Manasseh's Wickedness and Josiah's Reforms (Chapters 21-23)
- VI. The Fall of Judah and Babylonian Exile (Chapters 24-25)

II. OVERVIEW OF 2 KINGS CHAPTERS 1 AND 2

1. God judges Ahaziah's rebellion – 1:1-18

- Idolatry (v.2-4)
- Pride (v.5-12)
- Disobedience (v.13-18)

2. God rewards Elijah's service – 2:1-12

- Elisha refused to leave Elijah (v.1-6)
- Elijah parts the Jordan River (v.7-8)
- Elisha is given a double portion of Elijah's spirit (v.9-10)
- Elijah is taken to heaven on a fiery chariot (v.11)
- Elisha grieves Elijah's leaving (v.12)

3. God honors Elisha's faith – 2:13-25

- Elisha picks up Elijah's mantle (v.13)
- Elisha parts the Jordan River (v.14-18)
- Elisha purifies the water at Jericho (v.19-22)
- Elisha reveals God's judgment of the mockers (v.23-25)

III. "TAKE AWAYS" FROM THE TRANSITION FROM ELIJAH TO ELISHA

- 1. Understand that who or what I turn to in a crisis is my God**
- 2. God demonstrates His grace and mercy through His patience with me**
- 3. The Word of God can never be silenced**
- 4. God always honors humble repentance**
- 5. A key character trait of greatness is loyalty**
- 6. Don't make fun of bald guys**