

“Historical Books Of The Bible”
2 Kings 10-11
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2 Kings 10:1-10

This section of **2 Kings 10-11** is also covered in **2 Chronicles 22:10-23:21**.

Israel’s Captivity – 2 Kings 1-17.

2 Kings 2 – Elisha Replaces Elijah

2 Kings 2:14-2 Kings 13:20 – Elisha Is God’s Prophet during Israel’s darkest hours.

2 Kings 10:1-10 – Fear And Deception: 2 Kings 10:1.

“Now” – We left off with 2 Kings 9:30-37 – The Death of Jezebel.

The Lord gave this mission to Jehu when He anointed him King of Israel, 2 Kings 9:6-10.

Jehu had already killed Joram, king of Israel, and Ahaziah, king of Judah (2 Kings 9:14-29), and he had also slain Jezebel, the evil wife of Ahab, 2 Kings 9:30-37.

2 Kings 10:2-4

They saw that Jehu had already killed the two Kings, 2 Kings 9:14-29.

2 Kings 10:5

2 Kings 10:6-10 – Samaria Obeys Jehu.

2 Kings 10:10 – 1 Kings 21:20-29

Jehu practiced what is today called “Double-Talk”, Psalm 12:2.

2 Kings 10:11-17 – Selfish Ambition: 2 Kings 10:11.

“all his great men and his acquaintances and his priests,” – Jehu went beyond his divine commission and killed Ahab’s close friends, his chief officers, and the priests who served in the palace.

2 Kings 10:12-14

But these men weren't related by blood to Ahab; they were descendants of David! Jehu was now attacking the Davidic dynasty! 2 Chronicles 22:8.
2 Kings 10:15-16

"Come with me and see my zeal for the LORD." – This is selfish ambition. Come watch me serve God! Elijah – 1 Kings 19:19, 14.

2 Kings 10:17 – "Using" an innocent man to make his crimes look like the work of the Lord.

2 Kings 10:18-28 – Deception: 2 Kings 10:18-19.

Romans 3:8; 1 Thessalonians 2:3

Unlike David, he couldn't bring faith and the glory of God into his battles.

2 Kings 10:20-21

The house of Baal in Samaria was built by Ahab for Jezebel, 1 Kings 16:31-32.

2 Kings 10:22-28

2 Kings 10:29-36 – Compromise: 2 Kings 10:29.

Partial obedience is disobedience.

2 Kings 10:30 – He was succeeded by Jehoahaz, Joash, Jeroboam II and Zechariah, all of whom were bad kings.

2 Kings 10:31

In spite of his zeal for the Lord, Jehu was an idolater at heart who used the Lord's name only to cover up his sins.

2 Kings 10:32-35

2 Kings 11:1 – Athaliah – a daughter of Jezebel.

"saw that her son was dead," – Jehu had killed King Ahaziah near Jezreel, 2 Kings 9:27-28.

2 Chronicles 22:8

Verses 2-12 – Faith And Courage: 2 Kings 11:2.

Jehoiada was the high priest and Jehosheba, his wife, was a princess, a daughter of King Jehoram and a sister to King Ahaziah, whom Jehu had slain. This made her an aunt to little Joash.

2 Kings 11:3 – Joash, from the royal nursery, had hid him with his nurse. First in a room where old bedding was stored and then in a room in the temple.

Verses 4-12 – Presentation: 2 Kings 11:4 God's timing. Faith and patience go together, Hebrews 6:12.

2 Kings 11:5-8 – The five officers each commanded one-hundred men.

2 Kings 11:9-10 – Even King David was involved in the plan!

2 Kings 11:11-12

"Then he brought the king's son out and put the crown on him and gave him the testimony;" – a copy of the law of God that he was to obey, Deuteronomy 17:14-20; 31:26.

Verses 13-21 – Obedience: 2 Kings 11:13-14.

"Then Athaliah tore her clothes and cried, 'Treason! Treason!'" – What? She murders all the children of the king so she could be queen and then cries treason!

The first thing she discovered was that she was trapped. There were guards around the palace and between the palace and the temple courts.

2 Kings 11:15-16

Once they were back on the palace grounds, near the Horse Gate, they killed her with the sword.

Verses 17-21 – Religious Reform: 2 Kings 11:17.

2 Kings 11:18 – This reveals the fruit in obedience to the covenant with the Lord.

2 Kings 11:19-21

Application:

1. Warren Wiersbe said, "Revival is simply obeying God's Word and doing what He commanded our fathers to do. We don't need the novelties of the present; we need the realities of the past."
2. It Was By Faith That Joash, At Age One Until Age Seven, Was Hidden In The Linen Storage Room. At Age Seven, It Was God's Timing For Him To Reign. Faith And Patience Go Together, Hebrews 6:12.
3. Our Obedience Must Be Complete Obedience. Jehu Purged Ahab's House In Obedience To Elijah's Prophecy. The Temple Of Baal Lay In Ruins; False Worshippers Were Dead. Yet Jehu And Israel Tolerated Jeroboam's Sins, Which Led To Their Captivity And Disaster.