

“Historical Books Of The Bible”

2 Kings 3-4

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2 Kings 4:1-7

2 Kings 1-17 – Israel’s Captivity: The sins that lead to captivity.

2 Kings 18-25 – Judah’s Captivity.

2 Kings 1 – God Judges Sin.

2 Kings 2 – Elisha Replaces Elijah.

2 Kings 3-4 – Elisha Reveals God’s Power:

- 1. 2 Kings 3:20 – Miracle – Water For Kings.**
- 2. 2 Kings 4:1-4 – Miracle – Oil For Widow.**
- 3. 2 Kings 4:16-17 – Miracle – Gift Of Son.**
- 4. 2 Kings 4:35 – Miracle – Raising The Child From The Dead.**
- 5. 2 Kings 4:41 – Miracle – Healing Of The Stew.**
- 6. 2 Kings 4:43 – Miracle – Bread Multiplied.**

1. 2 Kings 3:1-27 – Defeating The Enemy

2. 2 Kings 4:1-44 – God In Living Color

1. 2 Kings 3:1-27 – Defeating The Enemy:

2 Kings 3:1

“Now Jehoram” – We note that he became king When Ahaziah died; his brother Joram became king of Israel, 2 Kings 1:17.

2 Kings 3:2

Image of Baal that Joram removed found its way back at the end of his reign and Jehu had to destroy it, 2 Kings 10:26-27.

2 Kings 3:3

Verses 4-27 – Moab Rebels: 2 Kings 3:4-5

2 Kings 1:1

2 Kings 3:6-10

“Alas!” – “we’re doomed!”

2 Kings 3:11-13

"Go to the prophets of your father and to the prophets of your mother." –
Go to your false prophets of the North and Jezebel's prophets of Baal!

2 Kings 3:14

Verses 15-27 – God's Divine Intervention: 2 Kings 3:15-19

1. 2 Kings 3:20 – Miracle – Water For Kings: 2 Kings 3:20

2 Kings 3:21-27

"And there came great wrath against Israel," – The phrase (KJV, NKJV)
"great indignation against Israel."

Perhaps Israel was so superstitious, polytheistic, they were possibly
terrified at what the god Chemosh could do!

2. 2 Kings 4:1-44 – God In Living Color:

2 Kings 4:1

Verses 1-7 – The Debt Is Paid.

Exodus 21:1-11; Leviticus 25:29-31; Deuteronomy 15:1-11

2 Kings 4:2

"Elisha said to her, 'What shall I do for you?'" – He followed the example
of his mentor, Elijah, who had ministered to families, 1 Kings 17:8-24.

2. 2 Kings 4:1-4 – Miracle – Oil For Widow.

2 Kings 4:7

Verses 8-37 – God, Giver Of Life: 2 Kings 4:8

"Shunem" – was about twenty miles northwest of Abel-meholah, Elisha's
hometown, and twenty-five miles or so beyond Shunem was Mount
Carmel.

Verses 9-10 – Woman's Perception: 2 Kings 4:9-10

Verses 11-17 – Miraculous Birth: 2 Kings 4:11-13

"And she answered, 'I live among my own people.'" – "I am content among my own people."

2 Kings 4:14-15

3. 2 Kings 4:16-17 – Miracle – Gift Of Son: 2 Kings 4:16

Like Sarah, she thought "this is too good to be true!"
Genesis 17:21; 18:14

2 Kings 4:17

Verses 18-28 – Great Sorrow: 2 Kings 4:18

2 Kings 4:19-20 – Possible heat stroke, aneurism.

2 Kings 4:21-28

Verses 29-37 – Great Miracle: 2 Kings 4:29

2 Kings 4:30 – Same oath Elisha made to Elijah, 2 Kings 2:2, 4 & 6.

2 Kings 4:31

2 Kings 4:32-33 – Once again the door was shut on a miracle,
2 Kings 4:4; Luke 8:51.

2 Kings 4:34

**4. 2 Kings 4:35 – Miracle – Raising The Child From The Dead:
2 Kings 4:35, 1 Kings 17:22**

2 Kings 4:36

But the story doesn't end there, 2 Kings 8:1-6.

Verses 38-41 – Miracle Of Removing The Curse: 2 Kings 4:38 – There was a famine in 2 Kings 8:1; Food, vegetables were scarce.

2 Kings 4:39-40

5. 2 Kings 4:41 – Miracle – Healing Of The Stew: 2 Kings 4:41

Verses 42-44 – Miracle Provision: 2 Kings 4:42

6. 2 Kings 4:43 – Miracle – Bread Multiplied: 2 Kings 4:43

Matthew 14:13-21; 15:29-33

2 Kings 4:44

Psalm 37:25

Application:

1. King Joram's Response During His Difficulty Is Classic – He Blames The Lord For The Decision He Made. In No Place Does It Say God Ever Told Him To Attack Moab.
2. Beware Of A Divided Heart. God, Through Elisha, Promised Complete Victory. But Because King Joram's Heart Was So Divided With False god's, Israel Retreated. They Did Not Experience Complete Victory.
3. Why The Miracles? The Miracles Of Elisha Displayed God's Power To Meet Needs And Control Events. The God Of Israel, Not Baal, Was The True God. Miracles Confirm That Elisha Was Elijah's Successor; Reminder To Those Who Obey God's Prophets That They Will Also Experience God's Blessings.