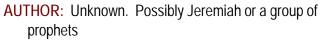
Interesting Facts About 2 Kings

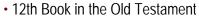


TIME WRITTEN: The majority of 2 Kings was written prior to 586 B.C. However, chapters 24 & 25 were written after Jehoichin's release, perhaps about 550 B.C.

POSITION IN THE BIBLE: • 12th Book in the Bible

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- 7th of 12 books of History (Joshua - Esther)
- 54 Books to follow it.

CHAPTERS: 25 VERSES: 719 WORDS: 23,532



OBSERVATIONS ABOUT 2 KINGS

- 2 Kings continues the drama begun in 1 Kings.
- The majority of 2 Kings was written before the Babylonian captivity. 17:34-35
- The last two chapters were written after the Babylonian captivity had ended.
- Time frames in 2 Kings:
 - Chapters 1-17 cover the 131 years from 853 B.C. (King Ahaziah) of Israel to 722 B.C., the Assyrian Captivity of Israel.
 - Chapters 18-25 cover the 155 years from the beginning of Hezekiah's reign in 715 B.C. to the release of Jehoiachin in Babylon in 560 B.C.
- Kingdom facts:
 - The United Kingdom of Israel lasted for 120 years (1053-933 B.C.)
 - The Northern Kingdom existed for 210 years (931-721 B.C.) before being taken captive by the Assyrians in

721 B.C.

- The Southern Kingdom of Judah existed from 931-586 B.C. some 135 years longer than Israel, before entering Babylonian Captivity.
- The total kingdom period lasted some 467 years (1053-586 B.C.)
- The Northern Kingdom:
 - 19 kings reigned during its 210 year history.
 - 9 different dynasties (family lines) reigned.
 - All but one dynasty was created by murdering the previous king.
 - · The character of each was bad.
 - Prophets in the Northern Kingdom of Israel:

- Elijah - Amos

- Flisha - Hosea

- The Southern Kingdom:
 - 20 kings reigned during its 345 year history.
 - 8 of the 20 kings had good character.

- Asa

- Uzziah

- Jehoshaphat

- Jotham

- Joash

- Hezekiah

- Amaziah

- Josiah

• Prophets in the Southern Kingdom of Judah:

- Obadiah

- Nahum

- Isaiah

- Zephaniah

- Isaiah

- Jeremiah

- Micah

- Habakkuk

■ The Southern Kingdom kings were of one continuous dynasty (David) in spite of the efforts of Athaliah, Jezebel's daughter, to kill all the descendants of David. Only Joash survived.

