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2 Kings 1-13





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Old Testament Seminary Manual

The book of 2 Kings outlines the causes of the scattering of Israel. Because of the wickedness of the people in the Northern Kingdom of Israel, they were conquered by Assyria around 721 B.C. Unfortunately, Judah did not learn from the mistakes of Israel. Even though some of the kings of Judah mentioned in 2 Kings were faithful and obedient, there were many who were wicked. One of these kings was King Manasseh, whose wickedness caused Judah to lose its divine protection. Babylon crushed the Southern Kingdom and carried its people into captivity (587 B.C.), fulfilling Lehi's prophecy that Jerusalem would be destroyed (see 1 Nephi 1:13, 18).

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The Kings and Prophets of the Divided Kingdom



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THE SECOND BOOK OF THE KINGS

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8a 1 Kgs. 19:19

15a D&C 2:2 (1-3); 27:9

b Ex. 15:25

25a 2 Kgs. 4:25.
3 1a 2 Kgs. 1:17.
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9 So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the ^aking of ^bEdom: and they ^cfetch a compass of seven days' journey: and there was no water for the host, and for the cattle that followed them.

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11 But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may inquire of the LORD by him?* And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.

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22 And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side *as red as blood*:

23 And they said, This *is* blood: the kings are surely slain, and they have smitten one another: now therefore, Moab, to the spoil.

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and victory in the war—The Moabites are defeated.

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3 Nevertheless he cleaved unto the sins of ^aJeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

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9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this *is* an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.

10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.

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13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what *is* to be done for thee? wouldst thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.

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15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.

16 And he said, About this season, according to the ^atime of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said,

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17 And the ^awoman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.

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19 And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.

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21 And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut *the door* upon him, and went out.

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23 And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? *it is* neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, *It shall be well.*

24 Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not *thy* riding for me, except I bid thee.

25 So she went and came unto the man of God to mount ^aCarmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, *yonder is* that Shunammite:

26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, *Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child?* And she answered, *It is well.*

27 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul *is* vexed within her: and the LORD hath ^ahid *it* from me, and hath not told me.

Elisha Raises the Shunammite's Son

28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me?

29 Then he said to Gehazi, ^aGird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, ^bsalute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my ^cstaff upon the face of the child.

30 And the mother of the child said, As the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.

31 And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but *there was* neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not ^aawaked.

32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, *and* laid upon his bed.

33 He went in therefore, and ^ashut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD.

34 And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his ^ahands upon his hands: and he ^bstretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.

35 Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child ^aopened his eyes.

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37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her ^ason, and went out.

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goeth into the house of ^aRimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in this thing.

19 And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way.

20 ¶ But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, *as* the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him.

21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw *him* running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, *Is* all well?

22 And he said, All *is* well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.

23 And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid *them* upon two of his servants; and they bare *them* before him.

24 And when he came to the tower, he took *them* from their hand, and bestowed *them* in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed.

25 But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence *comest thou*, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went no whither.

26 And he said unto him, Went not mine heart *with thee*, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? *Is it* a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?

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3 And one said, Behold, I will dig thee, and go with thee. He answered, I will not go with thee.

4 So he went with the others, and they came to Jordan, and cut down wood.

5 But as one was cutting the axe head fell in the water, and he cried, and said, Alas! it was ^aborrowed.

6 And the man of God said, Fell it? And he shewed him, and he cut down a tree in thither; and they dwelt there.

7 Therefore said the LORD to thee. And he perished, and took it.

8 ¶ Then the king of Syria gathered an army against Israel, and he and his servants came to Samaria, and such a place as he would.

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10 And the king of Israel said to him, and warned him, and he hid himself there, not

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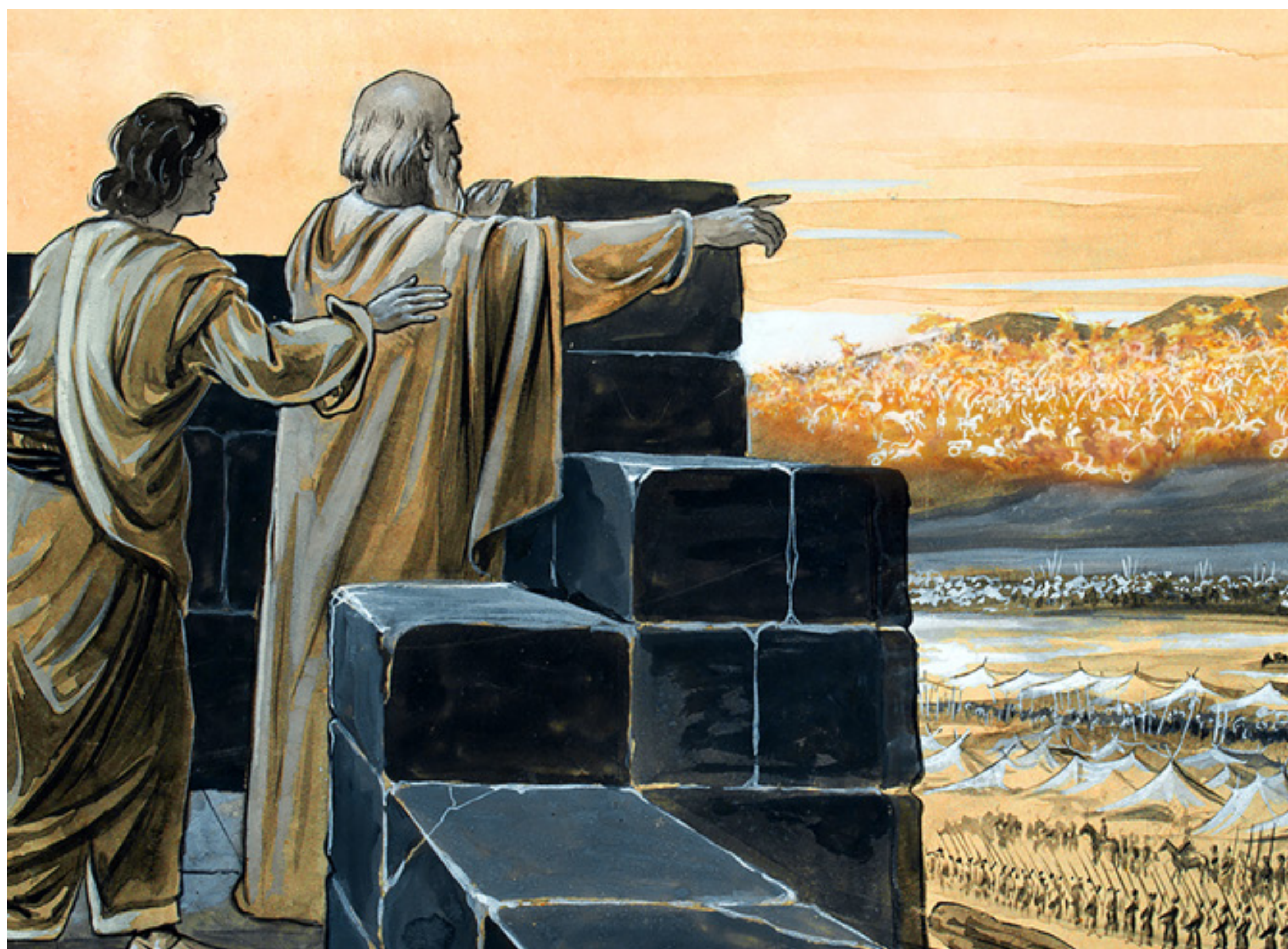
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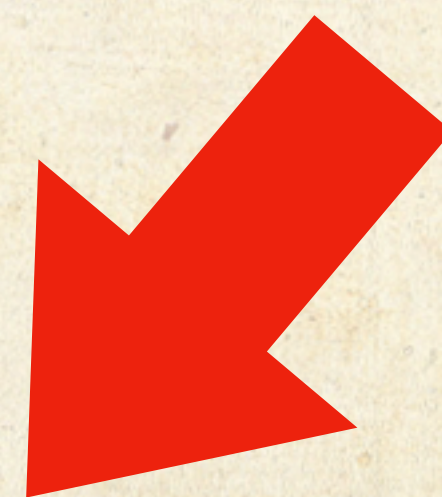
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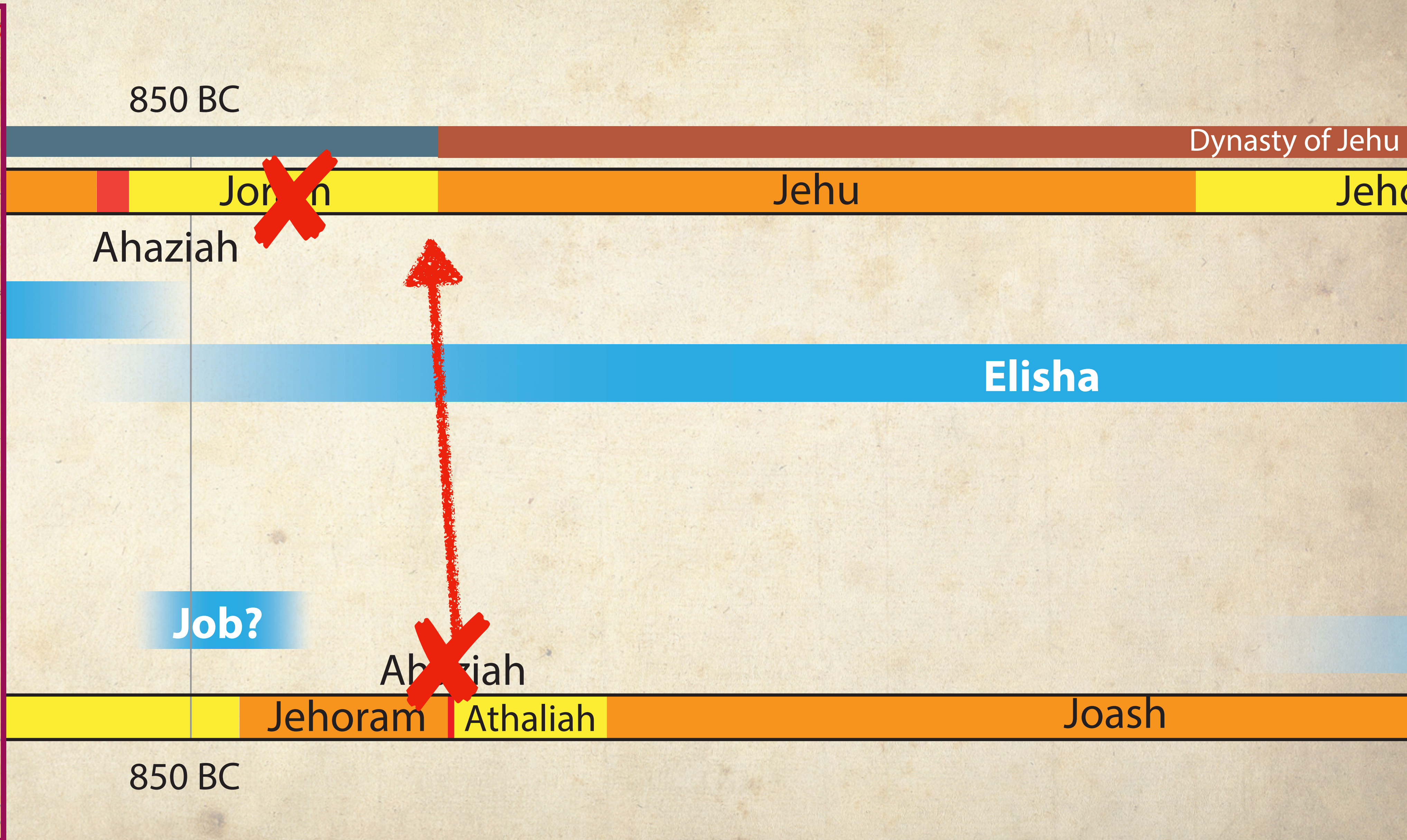
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2 Kings 11:12-14

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13 ¶ And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she came to the people into the temple of the Lord.

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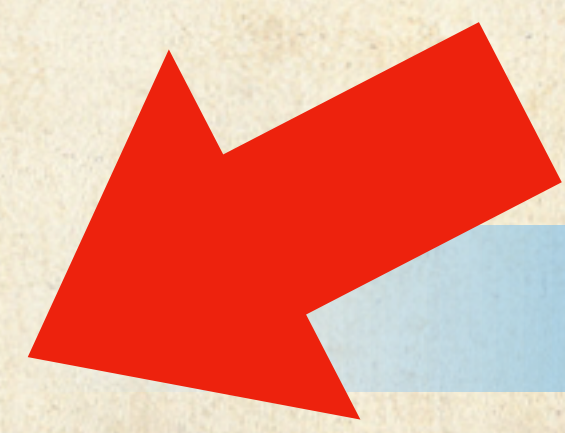
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