

Lesson 13

Jehoram [Joram] Reigns Over Israel – Part 1 (2 Kings 3:1 – 5:27)

Questions

1. How long did Jehoram reign and what kind of king was he (2 K. 3:1-3)?
2. Why did Jehoram go to battle with the kings of Judah and Edom against Moab and what did Jehoshaphat want to know (2 K. 3:4-12)?
3. What did Elisha tell Jehoram to do concerning the valley they were in and what would be the outcome of the battle (2 K. 3:13-20)?
4. What happened to Mesha and the Moabites (2 K. 3:21-27)?
5. What did Elisha do for the widow with a pot of oil (2 K. 4:1-7)?
6. What did the Shunamite woman do for Elisha (2 K. 4:8-16)?
7. What did Elisha do for the Shunamite woman (2 K. 4:17-37)?
8. What did Elisha do for the pot of stew (2 K. 4:38-41)?
9. What did Elisha do with 20 loaves of barley and some fresh grain (2 K. 4:42-44)?
10. What was wrong with Naaman the Syrian and how did he find out how to be healed (2 K. 5:1-7)?

11. What was Naaman told to do to be healed and how did he respond (2 K. 5:8-14)?

12. What did Naaman want to give Elisha before he returned to Syria and what did he want to take home with him (2 K. 5:15-19)?

13. What did Gehazi take from Naaman that Elisha refused and what happened to Gehazi (2 K. 5:20-27)?

Digging Deeper

1. What are the approximate dates for Jehoram's reign over Israel (2 K. 1:17; 3:1 – 9:24)?

2. How do you reconcile 2 Kings 3:1 with 2 Kings 1:17 concerning the beginning of Jehoram's reign as king (see also 2 K. 8:16)?

3. Locate the following on a map: Moab (2 K. 3:4), Kir-hareseth (2 K. 3:25), Shunem (2 K. 4:8), Gilgal (2 K. 4:38), Baal-shalisha (2 K. 4:42), Syria (2 K. 5:1), and Damascus (2 K. 5:12).

4. Where in 1 Kings did Jehoshaphat ask the same question that he asked in 2 Kings 3:11?

5. How is 2 Kings 3:37 to be understood? Does this verse teach that child sacrifice to a false god is effectual?

6. What is the "bread of the first-fruits" (2 K. 4:42)?

7. When and why would the Lord give victory to Syria (2 K. 5:1)?
8. What was the king of Syria and the king of Israel at this time (2 K. 5:5-7)?
9. What lesson was Jesus trying to teach in Luke 4:27 by referencing Elisha and the healing of Naaman (2 K. 5:1-14)?

Applications for Today

1. Partial reform is good, but not good enough (2 K. 3:2-3; Psa. 119:30, 112).
2. Get God's word first before proceeding with the important decisions in life (2 K. 3:11-12; Mt. 4:1-11).
3. Blessings come to those who fear the Lord (2 K. 4:1; Psa. 115:13; 128:4).
4. It is good to be known as a "holy man of God" (2 K. 4:9; Mk. 6:20).
5. Show kindness and hospitality to others (2 K. 4:8-16; 1 Pet. 4:9; Heb. 13:2).
6. "Is it well with you?" is a good question to ask concerning your relationship with God (2 K. 4:26; Acts 8:21).
7. Praying in private brings us close to God (2 K. 4:33; Mt. 6:6; Lk. 8:51).
8. Young people can speak the truth and help others (2 K. 5:2-3; 1 Tim. 4:12).
9. Like Naaman, God places conditions upon the person who seeks to be healed from the terrible disease of sin (2 K. 5:8-14; Mk. 16:15-16).
10. Take heed and keep yourselves from all covetousness (2 K. 5:20-27; Lk. 12:15; 1 Tim. 6:6-10, 17-19).