

2 Kings

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Summary: - To the Hebrew scriptures 1Ki and 2Ki formed one book.

1Ki takes us from the death of King David of Jerusalem.

2Ki takes us to the death of King Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon.

1Ki opens with King Solomon, the first successor to the throne of David, and the temple being built.

2Ki closes with King Zedekiah being slain and the temple destroyed.

2Ki itself begins where 1Ki leaves off and continues the record of the two kingdoms of Israel and Judah through to Israel's captivity to Assyria and Judah's captivity to Babylon over 100 years later.

Christ is seen as:

The righteous King,

Isa 32:1 Behold, a king will reign righteously And princes will rule justly.

The Man of God (2Ki 1:9-13)

Jn 9:30-31 The man answered and said to them, "Well, here is an amazing thing, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him."

The Word of the Lord (2Ki 3:12)

Personified in Jesus (Jn 1:1, 14)

Jn 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Jn 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, ...

Elisha as a Type of Christ

Like with his predecessor Elijah, there are many similarities between Elisha and Jesus.

Their names have similar meanings:

Elisha means "God is Salvation."

Jesus means "Yahweh will save"

Both Elisha and Jesus' ministries got underway on the Jordan River.

Elisha takes up Elijah's mantle at the River Jordan and starts his ministry (2Ki 2:11-14).

Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan and begins his ministry there as well (Mt 3:13-17).

Both Elisha and Jesus raise a woman's adult son from the dead.

Elisha raises the son of the 'Shunammite woman' from the dead (2Ki 4:8-37).

Jesus raises the son of the 'widow of Nain' from the dead (Lk 11:7-17).

Both Elisha and Jesus feed a large number of people with a small quantity of food.

Elisha feeds 100 men with a few barley loaves, and there are leftovers (2Ki 4:42-44).

On two occasions, Jesus provides 5,000 and then 4,000 with a few loaves and fishes, with food left over. (Mt 14:13-21; 15:32-39)

Both Elisha and Jesus turn a small amount of liquid into more than enough.

Elisha turns a little bit of oil into enough oil to fill every vessel in the village (2Ki 4:1-7).

Jesus turns water into a huge quantity of wine (Jn 2:1-11).

Both Elisha and Jesus heal lepers.

Elisha heals Naaman, the Syrian commander of leprosy. (2Ki 5:1-19)
Jesus heals many lepers. (Mt 8:1-4)

Both minister to the Gentiles

Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Aram, (2Ki 5:1-16);
Jesus heals the daughter of the Syrophenician woman (Mt 7:26-30).
Jesus heals the Roman Centurion's servant (Mt 8:5-13).

Both Elisha and Jesus eat with sinners

Elisha with the evil King of Israel and the army of the Arameans (2Ki 6:20-23).
Jesus with tax collectors and sinners (Lk 5:29-30);

Both give sight to the blind

Elisha first blinds his enemies and then restores their sight. (2Ki 16:11-23)
Jesus often restores sight to the blind. (Mt 9:27-28; 11:5; Jn 9:1-12)

Both make things that should sink, float.

Elisha makes an iron axe head float. (2Ki 6:1-7)
Jesus walks on water and enables his disciple Peter to walk on water. (Mt 14:22-33)

Both were betrayed by those close to them for love of money.

Elisha is betrayed by his servant Gehazi because Gehazi sees an opportunity to make money if he betrays Elisha (2Ki 5:20-27).

Jesus is handed over by his disciple Judas because Judas sees a chance to make money from betraying Jesus. (Mt 26:14-16)

Both the death of Elisha and Jesus, brings new life.

Elisha's tomb was a place of resurrection (2Ki 13:20-21).
Jesus was resurrected from the tomb and gives eternal life to all who believe (Jn 11:25-26).

Elisha is also a type of the disciples of Jesus.

Elisha performs more miracles than Elijah.

Jn 14:12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.

First Jesus sends out the 12 apostles (Mt 10:5-8; Mk 6:7-13; Lk 9:1-6).

Jesus then sends out the 70 disciples (Lk 10:1) The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." (Lk 10:17)

Jesus sends out every believer with His authority

Mk 16:15-18 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 16 "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned. 17 "These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Mk 16:20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed.