

2 Samuel 8–24. 1 Kings 1-11

This part of Kings teaches us the destructive consequences of poor leadership. Also the importance of wisdom and good counsel, the dangers of pride and favoritism of foolishness and sin. It also shows how a leader's choices can lead to division, conflict, and idolatry.

Chapter 12 also explains how the United Kingdom of Israel was divided into two sections because of Rehoboam's decision to ignore wise council.

In 2 Kings, I believe the main focus is trusting in the Lord, our God of Israel, for true guidance and deliverance, rather than seeking help from false gods. He alone controls nature and history, providing powerful demonstrations of this through the prophet Elisha.

God provides abundantly even in desperate situations. He uses unexpected people like lepers to accomplish His purpose, faith in His word leads to deliverance and unbelief... as severe consequences are seen with the kings, a doubtful officer.

Prayer... Lord, help us to make good decisions when trying to teach our children. Help us to see that God's way is the only true path to follow. We look to you, Lord, for guidance. We ask You to lead us through even the darkest days and trust in your ways. Help us to make decisions that honor you. We ask this in your name. Amen.