Divided Kingdom

Lesson 10 - Reigns of Jehoahaz, Jehoash & Jeroboam II
Jonah's prophecy to Nineveh
2nd Kings 13-14; Jonah

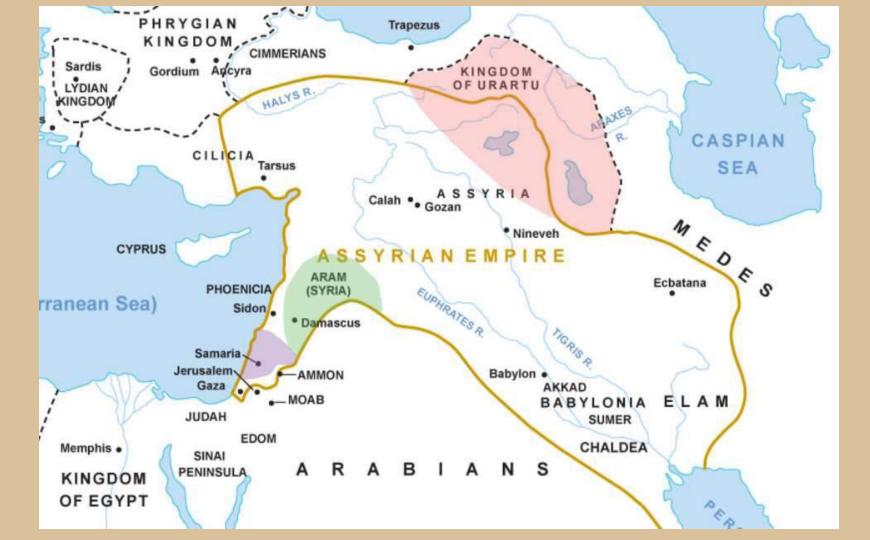
Jehu's legacy – Israel brought low

Lord began to cut Israel short

2nd Kings 10:32-33 <u>But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart;</u> for he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, who had made Israel sin.

In those days the <u>LORD</u> began to cut off parts of Israel; and Hazael conquered them in all the territory of Israel. (NKJV)

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"The tribute of Jehu, son of Omri: I received from him silver, gold, a golden bowl, a golden vase with pointed bottom, golden tumblers, golden buckets, tin, a staff for a king [and] spears."



Jehu's legacy

- Jehoahaz 17 years
 - Reduced to 50 horsemen, 10 chariots, 10,000 foot soldiers
- Jehoash 16 years
 - God provides a deliverer
- Jeroboam II 41 years
 - God restores Israel's territory for the last time

Reign of Jehoahaz -17 years (2nd Kings 13:1-9)

2Ki 13:2 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.(NKJV)

Mercy for His people

2Ki 13:5 Then the LORD gave Israel a deliverer, so that they escaped from under the hand of the Syrians; (NKJV)

Israel refuses to repent

2Ki 13:7 For He left of the army of Jehoahaz only fifty horsemen, ten chariots, and ten thousand foot soldiers; for the king of Syria had destroyed them and made them like the dust at threshing. (NKJV)

Reign of Jehoash -16 years (2nd Kings 13:10-25; 14:8-16)

2Ki 13:11 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD. He did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.(NKJV)

Visit to the dying Elisha

2Ki 13:14 Then Joash the king of Israel came down to him, and wept over his face, and said, "O my father, my father, the chariots of Israel and their horsemen!" (NKJV)

Elisha's final prophecies

2Ki 13:17 And he said, "Open the east window"; and he opened it. Then Elisha said, "Shoot"; and he shot. And he said, "The arrow of the LORD'S deliverance and the arrow of deliverance from Syria; for you must strike the Syrians at Aphek till you have destroyed them."(NKJV)

Three strikes

2Ki 13:19 And the man of God was angry with him, and said, "You should have struck five or six times; then you would have struck Syria till you had destroyed it! But now you will strike Syria only three times." (NKJV)

An unexpected miracle

2Ki 13:20 Then Elisha died, and they buried him. And the raiding bands from Moab invaded the land in the spring of the year.

21 So it was, as they were burying a man, that suddenly they spied a band of raiders; and they put the man in the tomb of Elisha; and when the man was let down and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet. (NKJV)

God's continual mercy

2Ki 13:23 But the LORD was gracious to them, had compassion on them, and regarded them, because of His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not yet destroy them or cast them from His presence. (NKJV)

Amaziah (Judah) comes to fight

2Ki 14:8 Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, "Come, let us face one another in battle." (NKJV)

• The thistle, cedar and wild beast

2Ki 14:9 And Jehoash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son as wife'; and a wild beast that was in Lebanon passed by and trampled the thistle." (NKJV)

Jehoash defeats Amaziah

2Ki 14:14 And he took all the gold and silver, all the articles that were found in the house of the LORD and in the treasuries of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.(NKJV)

• The reign of Jeroboam II – 41 years

2Ki 14:24 -25 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. He restored the territory of Israel from the entrance of Hamath to the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the LORD God of Israel, which He had spoken through His servant Jonah the son of Amittai (NKJV)

God again showing mercy

2Ki 14:26 For the LORD saw that the affliction of Israel was very bitter; and whether bond or free, there was no helper for Israel.



Assyrian Empire

- Reputation for extreme ruthlessness
- Grew in power until Shalmaneser III
- Greatly weakened until Tiglath-Pileser III
- Nineveh vulnerable with Urartu on the doorstep



The book of Jonah

• Jonah flees from God – chapter 1

Jon 1:9 So he said to them, "I am a Hebrew; and <u>I fear the LORD</u>, the <u>God of heaven</u>, who made the sea and the dry land."

10 Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him, "Why have you done this?" For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them. (NKJV)

Deep impression made on these mariners

Jon 1:16 Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to the LORD and took vows. (NKJV)

Jonah pleads with God – chapter 2

Jon 2:2 And he said: "I cried out to the LORD because of my affliction, And He answered me. "Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, And You heard my voice. For You cast me into the deep, Into the heart of the seas, And the floods surrounded me; All Your billows and Your waves passed over me. Then I said, <u>'I have been cast out of Your sight;</u> Yet I will look again toward Your holy temple.'(NKJV)

Believes God will save him

Jon 2:9 But I will sacrifice to You With the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD. (NKJV)

Jonah agrees with God – chapter 3

Jon 3:4 And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day's walk. Then he cried out and said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes. (NKJV)

Nineveh repents

Jon 3:10 Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it. (NKJV)

Jonah grieves God – chapter 4

Jon 4:2-3 "Ah, LORD, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm. "Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live!" (NKJV)

God's concern for Gentiles

Jon 4:11 "And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than <u>one hundred and twenty thousand persons</u> who cannot discern between their right hand and their left-and much livestock?"

