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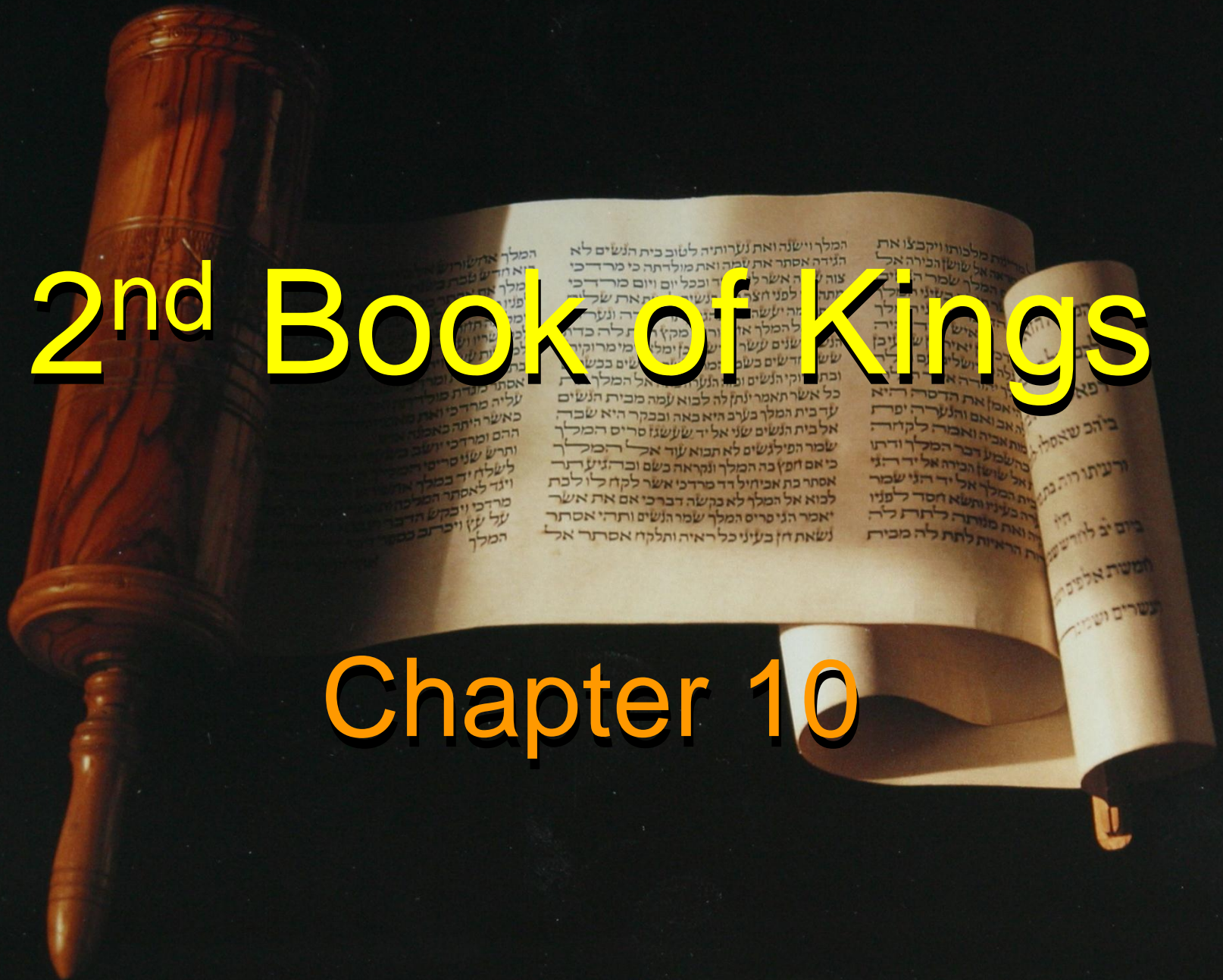


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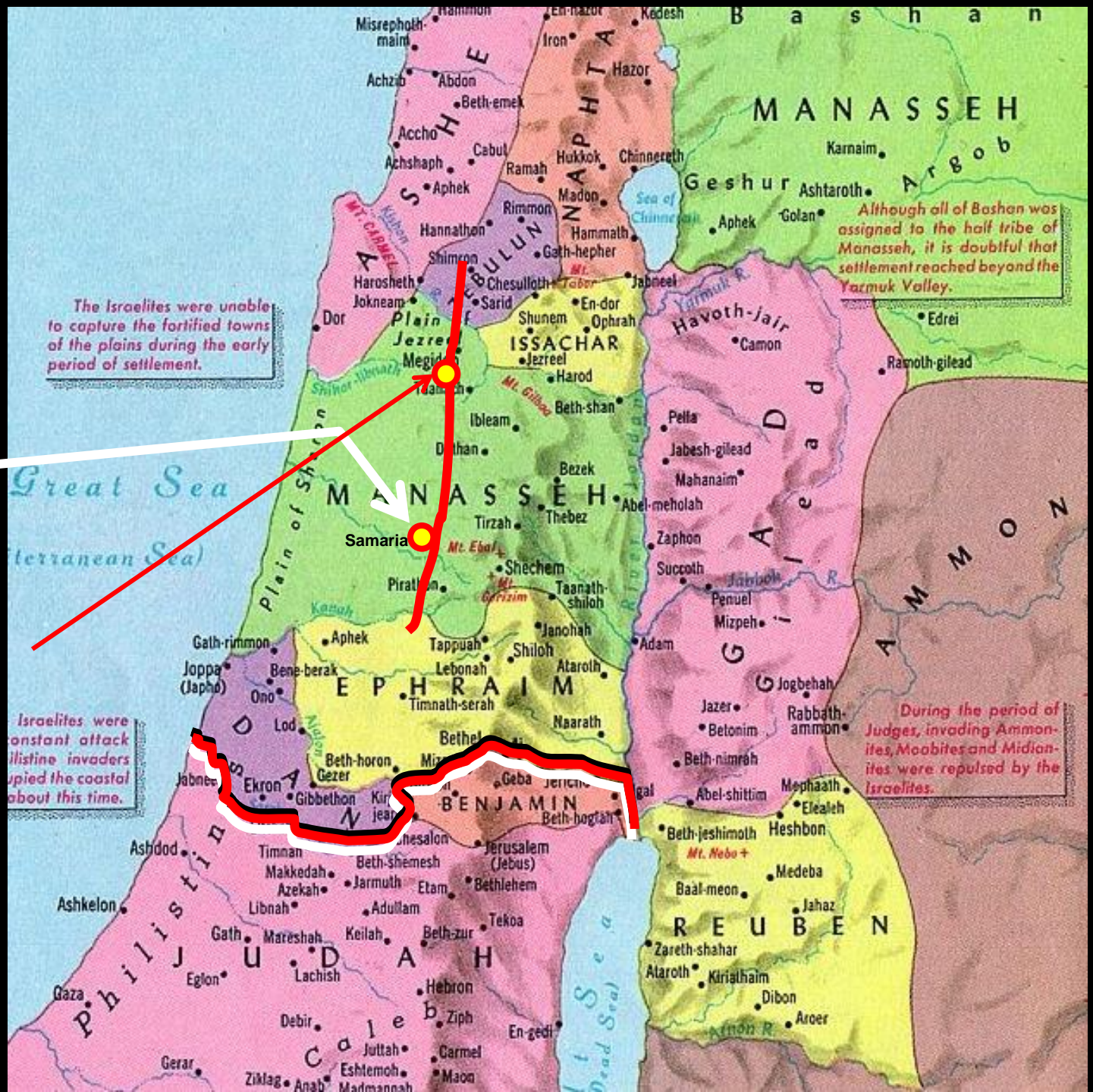
Chapter 10



I And Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to them that brought up Ahab's children, saying,

2 Kings 10:1

- These 70 were either other sons of Ahab, or his *grandchildren*
- They had been entrusted to the care of the rulers/elders to educate and prepare them for life as an heir to the throne



Samaria

Jezreal

² Now as soon as this letter cometh to you, seeing your master's sons are with you, and there are with you chariots and horses, a fenced city also, and armour;
³ Look even out the best and meetest of your master's sons, and set him on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house.

2 Kings 10:2-3

- Jehu assumes the elders will be loyal to Ahab
- Jehu proposes appointing one of these heir's to the throne
- Jehu will then go to battle against this heir and whatever army he can muster

4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, two kings stood not before him: how then shall we stand?

5 And he that was over the house, and he that was over the city, the elders also, and the bringers up of the children, sent to Jehu, saying, We are thy servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any king: do thou that which is good in thine eyes.

2 Kings 10:4-5

- Fearful of Jehu's power, having seen both Jehoram (Israel) and Ahaziah (Judah) put to death, they pledge allegiance to Jehu

⁶ Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If ye be mine, and if ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by to morrow this time.

2 Kings 10:6

- As a demonstration of their pledge allegiance to Jehu, he asks them to kill the sons of Ahab and bring their heads to Jezreel

*^{6b} Now the king's sons, being seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, which brought them up.
⁷ And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him them to Jezreel.*

2 Kings 10:6b-7

⁸ And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until the morning.

2 Kings 10:8

- Putting these decapitated heads at gate served two purposes:
- 1) Being a visual demonstration It would strike fear into those who would oppose Jehu
- 2) Symbolically the gates represented the council of the city - It was a demonstration that the city's leaders were with him

9 And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, Ye be righteous: behold, I conspired against my master, and slew him: but who slew all these?

2 Kings 10:9

- Jehu (possibly mindful of Jezebel's words re Zimri) now tries to calm the people and stop any possibility of a challenge to his authority
- He calls attention to the fact that the Elders/Leaders had killed Ahab's sons – so he was not alone in his distain for the dynasty of Ahab

*IO Know now that there shall fall unto the earth
nothing of the word of the LORD, which the LORD
spake concerning the house of Ahab: for the LORD
hath done that which he spake by his servant Elijah.*

2 Kings 10:10

- God always fulfils His Word
- The promises of God are sure, because they are based on His unchanging nature

1 Kings 19:15-17

15 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:

16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.

1 Kings 21:17-19

17 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it.

19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.

1 Kings 21:20-21

20 And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD.

21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel,

1 Kings 21:22-24

22 And will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Abijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Israel to sin.

23 And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.

24 Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.

Recompense or Reward

7 Be not deceivèd; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Galatians 6:7

Recompense or Reward

15 *The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.*

16 *The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.*

Psalm 34:15-16

Recompense or Reward

¹³ Let his posterity be cut off; and in the generation following let their name be blotted out. ¹⁴ Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the LORD; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out. ¹⁵ Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth. ¹⁶ Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart. ¹⁷ As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.

11 So Jehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his kinsfolks, and his priests, until he left him none remaining.

12 And he arose and departed, and came to Samaria. And as he was at the shearing house in the way,

13 Jehu met with the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who are ye? And they answered, We are the brethren of Ahaziah; and we go down to salute the children of the king and the children of the queen.

2 Kings 10:11-13

- King & Queen? = Ahab & Jezebel

14 *And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and slew them at the pit of the shearing house, even two and forty men; neither left he any of them.*

2 Kings 10:14

15 And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him: and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give me thine hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot.

16 And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD. So they made him ride in his chariot.

2 Kings 10:15-16

17 And when he came to Samaria, he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD, which he spake to Elijah.

2 Kings 10:17

18 And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them, Ahab served Baal a little; but Jehu shall serve him much.

19 Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice to do to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jehu did it in subtilty, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal.

2 Kings 10:18-19

20 And Jehu said, Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal.
And they proclaimed it.

21 And Jehu sent through all Israel: and all the
worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man
left that came not. And they came into the house of
Baal; and the house of Baal was full from one end to
another.

22 And he said unto him that was over the vestry,
Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal.
And he brought them forth vestments.

23 And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal, and said unto the worshippers of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but the worshippers of Baal only.

24 And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu appointed fourscore men without, and said, If any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, he that letteth him go, his life shall be for the life of him.

25 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, Go in, and slay them; let none come forth. And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast them out, and went to the city of the house of Baal.

26 And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal, and burned them.

27 And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a draught house unto this day.

The Cruelty of Jehu?

- Is this mass slaughter justified?
- Perspective is key
- With the benefit of hindsight would we act differently?
- God's law in Genesis had already stated
"Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed" Gen 9:6
- These 'servants of Baal' had killed the prophets of the LORD at Jezebel's command
- Is an amputation a good thing?

Purging Out

⁶ Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

⁷ Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

1 Corinthians 5:7

28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

29 Howbeit from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, to wit, the golden calves that were in Bethel, and that were in Dan.

2 Kings 10:28-29

The Fruit of Sin

4 They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew it not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off.

5 Thy calf, O Samaria, hath cast thee off; mine anger is kindled against them: how long will it be ere they attain to innocency?

6 For from Israel was it also: the workman made it; therefore it is not God: but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces.

The Fruit of Sin

⁷ For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up.

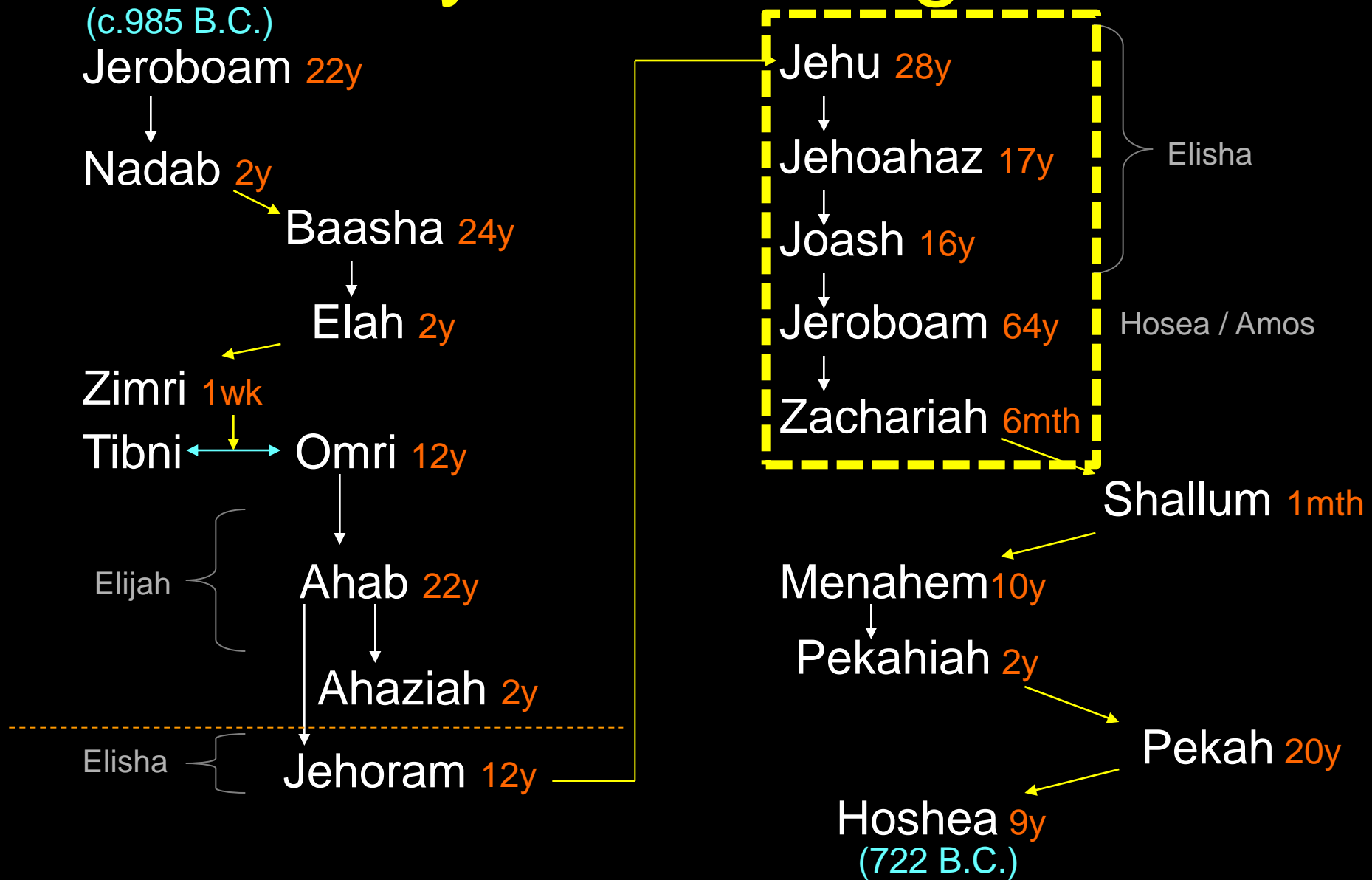
⁸ Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure.

Hosea 8:4-8

³⁰ And the LORD said unto Jehu, Because thou hast done well in executing that which is right in mine eyes, and hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that was in mine heart, thy children of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel.

2 Kings 10:30

The History of the Kings of Israel



³¹ But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel **with all his heart:** for he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, which made Israel to sin.

2 Kings 10:31

- Technically Jehu did well
- But in his heart he failed

*32 In those days the LORD began to cut Israel short:
and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel;*

*33 From Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the
Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from
Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, even Gilead and
Bashan.*

2 Kings 10:32-33

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

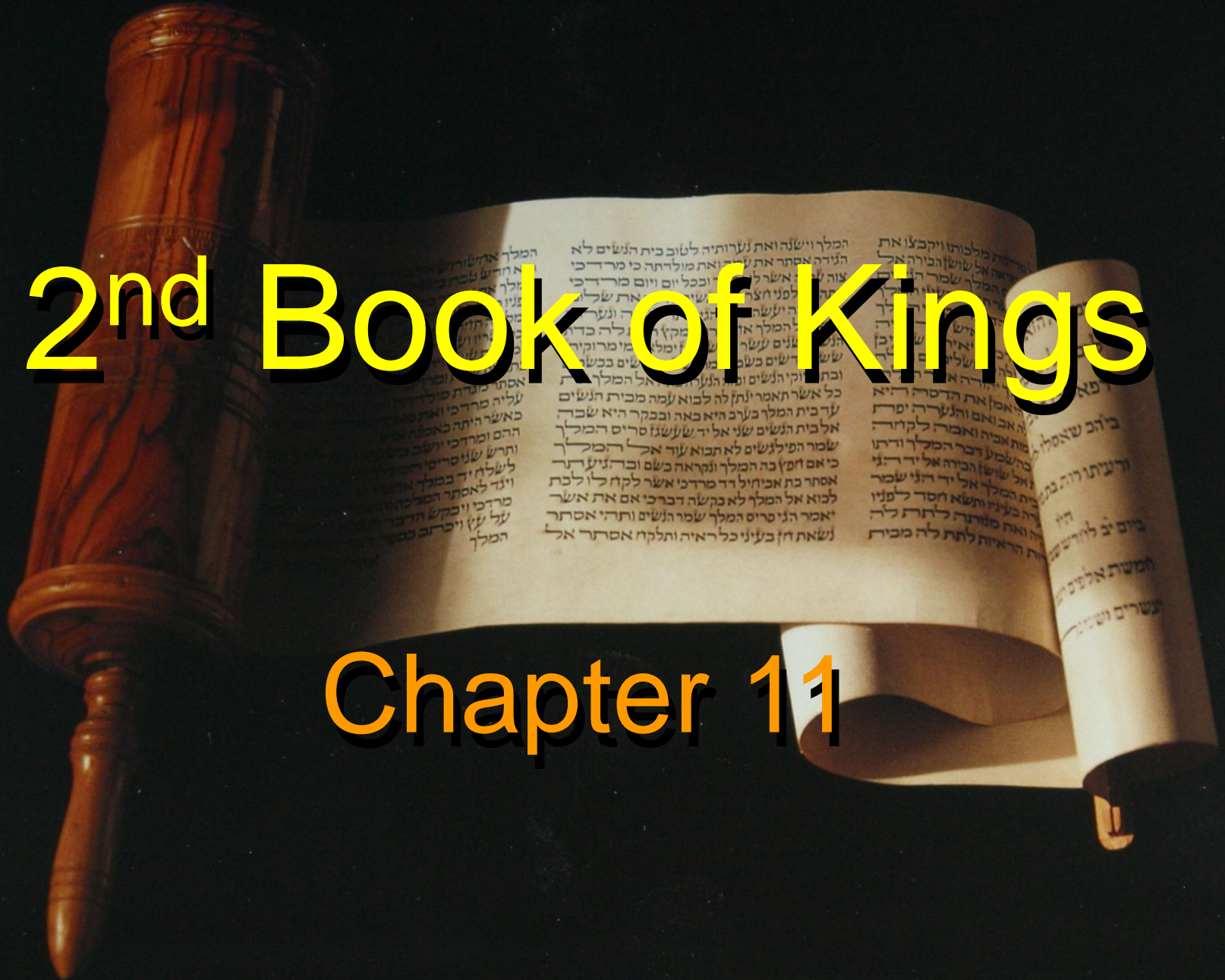
35 And Jehu slept with his fathers: and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead.

36 And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty and eight years.

2 Kings 10:34-36

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Chapter 11



The Stratagems of Satan

- Murder of Abel Gen 4
- Corruption of Adam's line Gen 6
- Abraham's seed Gen 12, 20
- Famine Gen 50
- Destruction of male line Exo 1
- Pharaoh's pursuit Exo 14
- The populating of Canaan Gen 12:6
- Against David's line 2 Sam 7

Attacks on David's Line

- Jehoram kills his brothers 2 Chr. 21
- Arabians slew all (but Ahazariah)
- Athaliah kills all (but Joash) 2 Chr. 22
- Hezekiah assaulted, etc. Isa 36, 38
- Haman's attempts Est 3

New Testament Strategems

- Joseph's fears: Matt 1
 - Herod's attempts: Matt 2
 - At Nazareth: Luke 4
 - 2 storms on the Sea: Mark 4; Luke 8
 - The Cross
 - Summary: Rev 12
- ...and he's not through...



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