

21. (Week of January 22, 2011)

**ACT 1: REDEMPTION PREPARED: ISRAEL**

**Scene 3: Rise and Fall of the Kingdom of Israel**

**The Northern Kingdom: Israel (2) (2 Kings 1–17)**

**Memory Verse:** *“How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him”* (1 Kings 18:21 NIV).

- Sun:** 2 Kings 2:1-15 – How was the prophet Elisha qualified to succeed the prophet Elijah? How are we qualified for Christian service?
- Mon:** 2 Kings 5:1-19a – How is the story of Naaman a fulfillment of God’s promise to Abraham in Genesis 12:3b?
- Tue:** 2 Kings 9:1-13 – What was to be the mission of King Jehu?
- Wed:** 2 Kings 9:14-26, 30-37 – How did Jehu carry out his mission?
- Thu:** 2 Kings 10:17-31, 34-36 – Repeat yesterday’s question. What mission has God given you to accomplish?
- Fri:** 2 Kings 17:1-23 – Why was the northern kingdom of Israel carried into exile? What idols are we tempted to worship today?
- Sat:** 1 Kings 17:24-40 – What was the sin of those who resettled Samaria? How are we tempted to such syncretism today?

22. (Week of January 29, 2012)

**Scene 3: Rise and Fall of the Kingdom of Israel**

**Prophets of the Assyrian Period (Jonah, Amos, Hosea, Micah, Isaiah)**

**Memory Verse:** *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace* (Isa. 9:6 NIV).

- Sun:** Jonah 1:1-2; 3:1-10 – (See 2 Kings 14:25.) What is significant about the Jewish prophet Jonah preaching to the Gentile city of Nineveh?
- Mon:** Amos 1:1; 7:1-17; 9:11-15 – Amos was a southern prophet (from Judah) preaching in the north (Israel). What was his message?
- Tue:** Hosea 1:1-11; 3:1-5 – How did the experiences of Hosea’s life dramatize the message he preached to Israel?
- Wed:** Micah 1:1; 4:1-5; 5:1-5a – Discuss how these prophecies of Micah have already been fulfilled and/or will be fulfilled in the future.
- Thu:** Isaiah 1:1; 6:1-13 – Trace the steps of Isaiah’s call to be a prophet. How might these same steps apply to our own worship experience?
- Fri:** Isaiah 9:1-7 – How does Jesus fulfill Isaiah’s prophecy?
- Sat:** Isaiah 11:1-16 – Repeat yesterday’s question.

23. (Week of February 5, 2012)

**Scene 3: Rise and Fall of the Kingdom of Israel**

**The Southern Kingdom: Judah (1) (1 Kings 12–2 Kings 17; 2 Chron. 10–28)**

**Memory Verse:** *The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made* (Ps. 145:13b NIV).

- Sun:** 2 Chronicles 12:1-16 – What mixture of bad and good do you see in the reign of Rehoboam?
- Mon:** 1 Kings 15:9-24 – What mixture of good and bad do you see in the reign of Asa?
- Tue:** 1 Kings 22:41-50; 2 Kings 8:16-24 – What is the danger of marrying an unbeliever (2 Kings 8:18)?
- Wed:** 2 Kings 11:1-21 – In this story how did God fulfill his promise to David in 2 Samuel 7:16? (See also 2 Kings 8:19.)
- Thu:** 2 Kings 12:1-21 – What mixture of good and bad do you see in the reign of Joash?
- Fri:** 2 Chronicles 26:1-23 – Trace the steps in the rise and fall of King Uzziah. Is pride ever a problem in your life?
- Sat:** 2 Kings 16:1-20 – List the wrong choices made by King Ahaz.

24. (Week February 12, 2012)

**Scene 3: Rise and Fall of the Kingdom of Israel**

**The Southern Kingdom: Judah (2) (2 Kings 18–25; 2 Chron. 29–36)**

**Memory Verse:** *“This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word”* (Isa. 66:2b).

- Sun:** 2 Kings 18:1-12 – Contrast the reign of Hezekiah in Judah with the reign of Hoshea in Israel.
- Mon:** 2 Chron. 32:1-22, 32-33 – How did Hezekiah defeat Sennacherib?
- Tue:** 2 Kings 21:1-18 – What were the sins of Manasseh? What did the LORD warn would be the consequences of his sins?
- Wed:** 2 Kings 22 – What impact did the Word of God have on King Josiah? What impact does the Word of God have on you?
- Thu:** 2 Chronicles 34:29-33; 2 Kings 23:21-30 – What impact did the Word of God have on the nation of Judah through King Josiah?
- Fri:** 2 Chronicles 36:1-16 – What repeated pattern do you see in the reigns of these final kings of Judah? What were the consequences?
- Sat:** 2 Kings 25:1-12, 27-30 – What was the final result of Judah’s sins? What glimmer of hope do you see in 2 Kings 25:27-30?