

## 2 Kings: Game of Thrones

### Introduction

First and 2 Kings were one book in the Hebrew Bible and were considered a continuation of the narrative in Samuel. The name of the book in Hebrew is *melakim*.

**I. The Author**—The human author is never specifically identified. Since the book was written during the Babylonian exile (2 Kings 25:27-30, 560 BC), many authors from that period have been suggested, but the most likely candidate is Jeremiah. The Talmud assigns authorship to him, and there are similarities in style to the Book of Jeremiah.

**II. The Audience**—The nation of Israel in Babylon during the exile.

**III. The Aim**—To teach the nation in exile that their past failure was due to failure to obey God’s Word, and their future success hinged on their taking a submissive attitude toward His Word.

### IV. The Arrangement *2 KINGS IS THE BOOK OF DOWNFALLS*

## The Book of 2 Kings

<b>Focus</b>	<b>Two Nation Becomes None</b>															
<b>Divisions</b>	<b>Reign of Jehoram</b>			<b>Record of Elisha</b>				<b>Revenge of Jehu &amp; Reforms of Joash</b>			<b>Ruin of Israel</b>		<b>Reforms of Hezekiah</b>			<b>Ruin of Judah</b>
	1	3	4	8	9	12	13	17	18	20	21	25				
<b>Topics</b>	Elisha				Kings & Queens of Israel & Judah											
	Downfall of Israel						Disruption									
<b>Place</b>	Israel & Judah						Judah									
<b>Time</b>	About 130 Years						About 155 Years									
<b>Author</b>	Believed to be Jeremiah															

Continues the story of the divided kingdom. 2 Kings covers about twice the time of 1 Kings.

Key Word: Captivity

## **V. Analysis**

## **VI. Application**

1. Disobedience bring disaster  
*“Wilful sin brings a woeful end”*
2. Reality of God’s judgment
3. 2 Kings ultimately gives hope—anticipation of the Kingship of Christ