**2 Kings**

*2 Kings 8 – Dark Days in Israel*

Return of the Shunammite woman (1-6)

* Chastisement to the Disobedient (v 1)
  + You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities. (Amos 3:2)
  + 3 Tell ye your children of it, and *let* your children *tell* their children, and their children another generation. 4 That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpiller eaten. (Joel 1:3-4)
* Blessings to the Faithful
  + Warning of the judgment to come (v 1)
  + God’s Providence (v 4-5)
  + Restoration & Reward (v 6)
    - And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what *is* to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people. (2 Kings 4:13)

Benhadad & Hazael (7-15)

* Reminder
  + 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: (1 Kings 19:15)
* Focused on the Temporal
* The Burden of Knowledge (Elisha)
* The Lies of the Devil
  + I would never do that…I am good ( v 13)
  + You shall recover (v 14)

More Foolish Evil Kings (16-29)

* Evil Associations (v 18)
  + Thou shalt not follow a multitude to *do* evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest *judgment*: (Ex 23:2)
  + Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee: (Ex 34:12)
  + Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men*. (Prov 4:14)
  + Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. (Prov 24:1)
  + But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. (1 Cor 5:11)
  + Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. (1 Cor 15:33)
  + Interesting Consideration
    - 24 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. 25 And when he cometh, he findeth *it* swept and garnished. 26 Then goeth he, and taketh *to him* seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first. (Luke 11:24-26)
* Misunderstanding God’s Protection (v 19)
* Expected Outcomes
  + Revolt
    - 10 So the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. The same time *also* did Libnah revolt from under his hand; because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers. 11 Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit fornication, and compelled Judah *thereto*. (2 Chron 21:10-11)
  + Death