

THE REIGN OF JEHOAHAZ IN ISRAEL
(2 Kings 13:1-9)

- I. Jehoahaz's REIGN (2 Kings 13:1-3)
 - A. His place in TIME
 - 1. His FATHER was JEHU
 - a. Jehu annihilated the HOUSE of AHAB
 - b. Jehu destroyed the WORSHIP of BAAL
 - 2. His CONTEMPORARY was JOASH, king of Judah
 - a. Joash ascended to the throne when SEVEN YEARS OLD
 - b. Joash served the LORD as long as Jehoiada was his GUIDE
 - 3. He ascended the year that Joash began TEMPLE RESTORATION
 - 4. He reigned for SEVENTEEN YEARS
 - B. The CHARACTER of his reign
 - 1. It was EVIL in God's sight
 - 2. It was IDOLATROUS
 - C. The CONSEQUENCE of his sin
 - 1. The ANGER of the Lord BURNED against Israel
 - 2. They suffered continual DEFEATS and ABUSE by HAZAEL of Aram (cf. 2 Kings 8:12)

II. Jehoahaz's PLEA (2 Kings 13:4-7)

- A. BEGGED the Lord to RECOGNIZE their DISTRESS
- B. The Lord LISTENED to him (cf. Prov. 28:9)
 - 1. He saw the DISTRESS of Israel (cf. Ex. 3:9-10)
 - 2. He sent a DELIVERER to help
- C. Israel's sin PERSISTED
- D. Israel's ARMY had been made IMPOTENT
 - 1. Mounted no more than FIFTY HORSEMEN
 - 2. Fielded only TEN CHARIOTS
 - 3. Mustered only TEN THOUSAND INFANTRY

III. Jehoahaz's END (2 Kings 13:8-9)

- A. The Chronicles of the KINGS OF ISRAEL contain a more COMPLETE record
- B. Jehoahaz DIED and was buried in SAMARIA
- C. His son JEHOASH succeeded him as king

IV. Lessons

- A. We see the FAITHFULNESS of God to His WORD
 - 1. Fulfilling His PROMISE to JEHU of raising a DYNASTY (cf. 10:30)
 - 2. Fulfilling His PROPHECY to HAZAEL that he would AFFLICT Israel (cf. 8:12)
- B. We see the MERCY of God toward His PEOPLE (Ps. 72:13-14)
- C. We see the PERSISTENCE of human REBELLION against God (Rom. 1:20-21)
 - 1. Temporal BLESSING does not always bring REPENTANCE

2. Fallen mankind is INEXCUSABLE and JUSTLY condemned