

THE REIGN OF JEHOASH IN ISRAEL
(2 Kings 13:10-25)

- I. Jehoash's Reign SUMMARIZED (2 Kings 13:10-13)
 - A. His place in TIME
 - 1. Reign began in the THIRTY-SEVENTH year of JOASH in Judah
 - 2. Reigned for SIXTEEN YEARS
 - B. The CHARACTER of his reign (cf. 13:2)
 - 1. It was EVIL in God's sight
 - 2. It was IDOLATROUS
 - C. The END of his reign
 - 1. It was otherwise INCONSEQUENTIAL
 - 2. It was followed by the reign of his son, JEROBOAM II
- II. Jehoash and ELISHA (2 Kings 13:14-21)
 - A. Elisha was SICK and DYING
 - B. Jehoash WENT TO HIM
 - 1. He WEPT over him
 - 2. He called him, "My FATHER!" and "the CHARIOTS and HORSEMEN of Israel!" (cf. 2:12)
 - C. Elisha provided an "INTERACTIVE oracle"
 - 1. Had the king GET a BOW and ARROWS

2. Told the king to put his HAND on the BOW
3. Laid his own HANDS on the king's HANDS
4. Instructed the king to SHOOT the arrow out the EAST window
5. Proclaimed it "the LORD'S arrow of VICTORY over Aram"
6. Told the king to STRIKE the GROUND with the arrows
7. Rebuked the king for STOPPING SHORT of full OBEDIENCE
8. Announced the king would DEFEAT Aram only THREE times

D. Elisha DIED and was BURIED

1. The nation SUFFERED Moabite raiders every SPRING
2. Moabite raiders interrupted a FUNERAL PROCESSION
3. The pallbearers threw the man's body into ELISHA'S TOMB
4. The dead man STOOD UP, ALIVE

III. Jehoash and ARAM (2 Kings 13:22-25)

A. Israel had not been DESTROYED by Hazael

1. Because of God's GRACE and COMPASSION
2. Because of God's FAITHFULNESS to His COVENANT

B. Jehoash DEFEATED Ben-Hadad THREE times

IV. Lessons

- A. God is PATIENT with a nation that PERMITS faithful proclamation of His Word
- B. Even the most FAITHFUL of God's SERVANTS eventually DIE
- C. How a man RESPONDS to GOD'S WORD is more significant than all the ACHIEVEMENTS and HONORS of a lifetime

