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2 Kings 11-16 – Put your hope in God

1) 2 Kings 11-16 covers the history of Israel and Judah between approx. 842BC-715BC

Judah	Israel
Athaliah (6 years)	Jehoahaz (17 years)
Joash (40 years)	Jehoash (16 years)
	Jeroboam II (41 years)
Amaziah (29 years)	Zechariah (6 months)
Azariah (Uzziah – 52 years)	Shallum (1 month)
	Menahem (10 years)
Jotham (16 years)	Pekahiah (2 years)
Ahaz (16 years)	Pekah (20 years)

- It was not a great period spiritually
- There were times of political instability
- Israel enjoyed a time of great prosperity and strength under Jeroboam II
- The Assyrians cast a dark shadow over Israel

2) God was faithful in preserving the House of David

2 Samuel 7:11b-14a

a) The House of David survived Athaliah's attempt to wipe it out

- King Jehoram had murdered all his brothers and some other princes (2 Chronicles 21:4)
- The Philistines and Arabs had carried off all of Jehoram's sons except for Ahaziah (2 Chronicles 21:16-17)

2 Kings 11:1-3

b) Joash and Amaziah were replaced by their sons after their assassinations

3) God was gracious and compassionate to Israel in times of distress

2 Kings 13:3-5

2 Kings 13:22-23

2 Kings 14:25-27

4) God's power worked through utter weakness to raise the dead

2 Kings 13:20-21

Psalm 42:5-6a, 11, 43:5