

## God or Tyrants: A Study of 1 & 2 Kings

### Lesson 08: Saving Christmas

#### Assignment for next week:

- Read 2 Kings 8:7 – 12:21
- The kingly line of David – from whom the Savior of Nations would come – was down to ONE person, young Joash. He was saved by Jehosheba! Her's is not a name we are overly familiar with, but without her, there would have been no Christmas, no Savior, no forgiveness, no eternity in heaven. Using a Bible concordance or Bible website, find at least THREE other people in the Bible whom few people remember, but who played important roles in God's salvation history.
- Search online for a good Bible History map and take 30 minutes to “get the lay of the land” from about 850 B.C.
  - Why did you pick the map website that you examined?
  - What insights did you get from spending some time with the map?
- Ponder the following questions (*taken from the Whole Bible Project, copyright NPH*):
  - **Monday:** [2 Kings 8] Although Judah deserved God's judgment, why did God continue to spare its people? (confer 2 Kings 8:9; Genesis 49:10; 2 Samuel 7:13,16; Psalm 89:34-38; Isaiah 9:7; and Luke 1:32,33)
  - **Tuesday:** [2 Kings 9] What is clear from this chapter about the truthfulness of the Lord's prophecies? How does that encourage you in your Christian walk today?
  - **Wednesday:** [2 Kings 10] Why did the Lord call for a purge of Ahab's house and his associates? (See 1 Kings 21:20-26.) What lesson does this story teach us?
  - **Thursday:** [2 Kings 11] What is the relationship of the story in chapter 11 to God's promise of a Savior? (See 2 Samuel 7:11, 16 and 1 Kings 8:25.)
  - **Friday:** [2 Kings 12] When is a collection pleasing to God? (See Luke 11:28; 2 Corinthians 8:5 and 9:7; and Titus 2:14.)
  - **Saturday:** [Entire Reading] Find ONE passage from this section and put it to memory.