



THE BIBLE IN VERSE

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2 KINGS

CHAPTERS 1 TO 25

Chapter 1

King Ahaziah now suffers a fall.
Prophet Elijah then answers the call,
Calling down fire to burn up his men.
King has sought idols; his life span must end.

Chapter 2

Prophet Elijah is taken away.
Prophet Elisha's anointed this day.
Water at Jericho healed with salt.
Children near Bethel are torn for their fault.

Chapter 3

Judah and Israel battle as one.
Prophet Elisha says what must be done;
Has them dig ditches; then God sends the flood.
Moabites foolishly think it is blood.

Chapter 4

Widow of prophet is freed from her dread.
Shunammite's son is redeemed from the dead.
Death in the pot does Elisha then heal.
Lunch is increased till it serves as a meal.

Chapter 5

Naaman, the leper, to Israel goes,
Washes in Jordan, is cleansed of his woes.
Servant Gehazi for money does go,
Turns to a leper as white as the snow.

Chapter 6

Axe-head does float at Elisha's command.
Youth gets to look on the heavenly band.
Famine is great among Israel's host.
Women are taking their children to roast.

Chapter 7

Prophet now prophesies plenty to come.
Lepers go forth and the thing is begun.
Syrian army hears noise and takes flight.
Food is abundant; the prophet was right.

Chapter 8

Prophet sends woman out searching for bread,
Taking the son who was raised from the dead.
Then he is grieved and is sunken in tears,
Seeing the woes of the forthcoming years.

Chapter 9

Now is a prophet sent out from the school.
Jehu is called and anointed to rule.
Kings Ahaziah and Joram are killed.
Dogs are with Jezebel's carcass now filled.

Chapter 10

Jehu kills all that of Ahab remains;
Thus he eliminates Jezebel's stains.
Calls all the servants of Baal to come,
Slaughters the group till such worship is done.

Chapter 11

Queen Athaliah through murder does reign,
Having had all Ahaziah's seed slain.
Yet from destruction young Joash is snatched;
Hit is set up and the queen is dispatched.

Chapter 12

King orders men to remodel and build,
Sets up a chest which with money is filled.
Money is taken the workmen to hire.
They mend the temple as king does desire.

Chapter 13

Prophet Elisha's decease is at hand,
Prophecies partial relief for the land,
Dies and is buried; the populace moans.
Dead man is raised when he touches his bones.

Chapter 14

King Amaziah dares Israel's throng.
Joash responds with a parable strong.
Battle is fought; Amaziah is beat.
City is pillaged; the loss is complete.

Chapter 15

Israel's monarchs are always a fright.
Judah's may vary, some bad and some right.
Wicked idolatry sweeps through the land.
Trouble is brewing as sent at God's hand.

Chapter 16

Ahaz is wicked, exceedingly so,
Causes his sons through the fire to go,
Hires the king of Assyria's aid;
Thus is the loss of the city delayed.

Chapter 17

Israel goes to captivity now,
Having despised their original vow.
They have rejected the law of their God;
Therefore, they suffer His chastening rod.

Chapter 18

King Hezekiah does that which is right;
Yet he is caught in a difficult plight.
King of Assyria sends a great host.
Rabshakeh stands and delivers his boast.

Chapter 19

King Hezekiah beseeches the Lord.
Prophet Isaiah sends comforting word.
God speaks the word and decreases the strain.
One hundred eighty-five thousand are slain.

Chapter 20

King Hezekiah is sick unto death.
God gives him fifteen more years to draw breath.
King wants a sign; it is granted with ease;
Shadow on dial returns ten degrees.

Chapter 21

Now does Manasseh ascend to the throne.
He to the foulest of evil is prone.
Judah must suffer because of this king,
Things that will make every hearer's ears ring.

Chapter 22

Book of the Law is discovered and read.
Good King Josiah is shaken with dread.
Huldah, the prophetess, sends him a word;
City will fall but his peace is assured.

Chapter 23

Now King Josiah completes a reform,
Serving the Lord with a heart that is warm,
Stamping idolatry out of the land,
Doing all things with a vigorous hand.

Chapter 24

Nebuchadnezzar besieges the place,
Taking her monarch away in disgrace,
Carrying with him the best of the land,
Leaving a substitute king in command.

Chapter 25

King Zedekiah is taken and bound.
Temple of God is then burned to the ground.
All things of value are taken away.
Thus Judah goes for her evil to pay.