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2 Kings

The consequences of unfaithfulness and a remnant of hope

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The big picture

Elisha's ministry continues the prophetic witness while Israel and Judah move toward catastrophe. Persistent idolatry and injustice lead to the fall of Samaria and later Jerusalem. Reforms under faithful kings offer real but temporary change. Exile strips away false security in land, monarchy, and temple. A final glimpse of kindness to the captive king leaves a narrow opening for hope beyond judgment.

Words to carry

“Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes.”

2 Kings 17:13 · KJV · excerpt

Live it

01 Respond to a warning before a damaging habit becomes entrenched.

02 Make faithfulness a daily practice rather than an occasional reform.

03 Offer hope to someone living with the consequences of failure.

Pause & reflect

What warning have I heard clearly but not yet acted on?

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