

**Lesson One: Experiencing the Unchanging Power of God in Changing Times (2 Kings 2-4)****1 Kings 19:15–21**

**15** The LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus, and when you have arrived, you shall anoint Hazael king over Aram;

**16** and Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint king over Israel; and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place.

**17** “It shall come about, the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall put to death.

**18** “Yet I will leave 7,000 in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

**19** So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, while he was plowing with twelve pairs of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth. And Elijah passed over to him and threw his mantle on him.

**20** He left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Please let me kiss my father and my mother, then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?”

**21** So he returned from following him, and took the pair of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the implements of the oxen, and gave it to the people and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah and ministered to him.

**Romans 15:4**

**4** For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

**1 Corinthians 10:11–12**

**11** Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

**12** Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.

**Leviticus 26:21–22**

**21** ‘If then, you act with hostility against Me and are unwilling to obey Me, I will increase the plague on you seven times according to your sins.

**22** ‘I will let loose among you the beasts of the field, which will bereave you of your children and destroy your cattle and reduce your number so that your roads lie deserted.

**1 Kings 12:25–33**

**25** Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and lived there. And he went out from there and built Penuel.

**26** Jeroboam said in his heart, “Now the kingdom will return to the house of David.

**27** “If this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will return to their lord, *even* to Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me and return to Rehoboam king of Judah.”

**28** So the king consulted, and made two golden calves, and he said to them, “It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; behold your gods, O Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt.”

**29** He set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan.

**30** Now this thing became a sin, for the people went *to worship* before the one as far as Dan.

**31** And he made houses on high places, and made priests from among all the people who were not of the sons of Levi.

**32** Jeroboam instituted a feast in the eighth month on the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast which is in Judah, and he went up to the altar; thus he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves which he had made. And he stationed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made.

**33** Then he went up to the altar which he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised in his own heart; and he instituted a feast for the sons of Israel and went up to the altar to burn incense.

**Deuteronomy 21:15–17**

**15** “If a man has two wives, the one loved and the other unloved, and *both* the loved and the unloved have borne him sons, if the firstborn son belongs to the unloved,

**16** then it shall be in the day he wills what he has to his sons, he cannot make the son of the loved the firstborn before the son of the unloved, who is the firstborn.

**17** “But he shall acknowledge the firstborn, the son of the unloved, by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he is the beginning of his strength; to him belongs the right of the firstborn.

**Isaiah 61:3–7**

**3** To grant those who mourn *in* Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

**4** Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins, They will raise up the former devastations; And they will repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations.

**5** Strangers will stand and pasture your flocks, And foreigners will be your farmers and your vinedressers.

**6** But you will be called the priests of the LORD; You will be spoken of *as* ministers of our God. You will eat the wealth of nations, And in their riches you will boast.

**7** Instead of your shame *you will have a double portion*, And *instead of* humiliation they will shout for joy over their portion. Therefore they will possess a double *portion* in their land, Everlasting joy will be theirs.

### **Numbers 27:18–23**

**18** So the LORD said to Moses, “Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him;

**19** and have him stand before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation, and commission him in their sight.

**20** “You shall put some of your authority on him, in order that all the congregation of the sons of Israel may obey *him*.

**21** “Moreover, he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him by the judgment of the Urim before the LORD. At his command they shall go out and at his command they shall come in, *both* he and the sons of Israel with him, even all the congregation.”

**22** Moses did just as the LORD commanded him; and he took Joshua and set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation.

**23** Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, just as the LORD had spoken through Moses.

### **Deuteronomy 34:9**

**9** Now Joshua the son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; and the sons of Israel listened to him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

### **1 Kings 19:19**

**19** So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, while he was plowing with twelve pairs *of oxen* before him, and he with the twelfth. And Elijah passed over to him and threw his mantle on him.



**Lesson Two: O Lord, Open Our Eyes That We Might See... (2 Kings 5-8)****Exodus 4:1-9**

**1** Then Moses said, “What if they will not believe me or listen to what I say? For they may say, ‘The LORD has not appeared to you.’ ”

**2** The LORD said to him, “What is that in your hand?” And he said, “A staff.”

**3** Then He said, “Throw it on the ground.” So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it.

**4** But the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand and grasp *it* by its tail”—so he stretched out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand—

**5** “that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.”

**6** The LORD furthermore said to him, “Now put your hand into your bosom.” So he put his hand into his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow.

**7** Then He said, “Put your hand into your bosom again.” So he put his hand into his bosom again, and when he took it out of his bosom, behold, it was restored like *the rest of* his flesh.

**8** “If they will not believe you or heed the witness of the first sign, they may believe the witness of the last sign.

**9** “But if they will not believe even these two signs or heed what you say, then you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground; and the water which you take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground.”

**Leviticus 13:1-9**

**1** Then the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

**2** “When a man has on the skin of his body a swelling or a scab or a bright spot, and it becomes an infection of leprosy on the skin of his body, then he shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests.

**3** “The priest shall look at the mark on the skin of the body, and if the hair in the infection has turned white and the infection appears to be deeper than the skin of his body, it is an infection of leprosy; when the priest has looked at him, he shall pronounce him unclean.

**4** “But if the bright spot is white on the skin of his body, and it does not appear to be deeper than the skin, and the hair on it has not turned white, then the priest shall isolate *him who has* the infection for seven days.

**5** “The priest shall look at him on the seventh day, and if in his eyes the infection has not changed *and* the infection has not spread on the skin, then the priest shall isolate him for seven more days.

**6** “The priest shall look at him again on the seventh day, and if the infection has faded and the mark has not spread on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean; it is *only* a scab. And he shall wash his clothes and be clean.

7 “But if the scab spreads farther on the skin after he has shown himself to the priest for his cleansing, he shall appear again to the priest.

8 “The priest shall look, and if the scab has spread on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is leprosy.

9 “When the infection of leprosy is on a man, then he shall be brought to the priest.

### Numbers 12:1–16

1 Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married (for he had married a Cushite woman);

2 and they said, “Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us as well?” And the LORD heard it.

3 (Now the man Moses was very humble, more than any man who was on the face of the earth.)

4 Suddenly the LORD said to Moses and Aaron and to Miriam, “You three come out to the tent of meeting.” So the three of them came out.

5 Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the doorway of the tent, and He called Aaron and Miriam. When they had both come forward,

6 He said, “Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, shall make Myself known to him in a vision. I shall speak with him in a dream.

7 “Not so, with My servant Moses, He is faithful in all My household;

8 With him I speak mouth to mouth, Even openly, and not in dark sayings, And he beholds the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant, against Moses?”

9 So the anger of the LORD burned against them and He departed.

10 But when the cloud had withdrawn from over the tent, behold, Miriam *was* leprous, as *white as* snow. As Aaron turned toward Miriam, behold, she *was* leprous.

11 Then Aaron said to Moses, “Oh, my lord, I beg you, do not account *this* sin to us, in which we have acted foolishly and in which we have sinned.

12 “Oh, do not let her be like one dead, whose flesh is half eaten away when he comes from his mother’s womb!”

13 Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, “O God, heal her, I pray!”

14 But the LORD said to Moses, “If her father had but spit in her face, would she not bear her shame for seven days? Let her be shut up for seven days outside the camp, and afterward she may be received again.”

15 So Miriam was shut up outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on until Miriam was received again.

16 Afterward, however, the people moved out from Hazeroth and camped in the wilderness of Paran.

**2 Samuel 3:27–30**

**27** So when Abner returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside into the middle of the gate to speak with him privately, and there he struck him in the belly so that he died on account of the blood of Asahel his brother.

**28** Afterward when David heard it, he said, “I and my kingdom are innocent before the LORD forever of the blood of Abner the son of Ner.

**29** “May it fall on the head of Joab and on all his father’s house; and may there not fail from the house of Joab one who has a discharge, or who is a leper, or who takes hold of a distaff, or who falls by the sword, or who lacks bread.”

**30** So Joab and Abishai his brother killed Abner because he had put their brother Asahel to death in the battle at Gibeon.

**Mark 1:40–45**

**40** And a leper came to Jesus, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying, “If You are willing, You can make me clean.”

**41** Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, “I am willing; be cleansed.”

**42** Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

**43** And He sternly warned him and immediately sent him away,

**44** and He said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”

**45** But he went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the news around, to such an extent that Jesus could no longer publicly enter a city, but stayed out in unpopulated areas; and they were coming to Him from everywhere.

**Luke 17:12–19**

**12** As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him;

**13** and they raised their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

**14** When He saw them, He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they were going, they were cleansed.

**15** Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice,

**16** and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan.

**17** Then Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they?”

**18** “Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?”

**19** And He said to him, “Stand up and go; your faith has made you well.”

**Ephesians 5:25–26**

**25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

**26** so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

**Exodus 20:17**

**17** “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

**Joshua 6:16–19**

**16** At the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, “Shout! For the LORD has given you the city.

**17** “The city shall be under the ban, it and all that is in it belongs to the LORD; only Rahab the harlot and all who are with her in the house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent.

**18** “But as for you, only keep yourselves from the things under the ban, so that you do not covet *them* and take some of the things under the ban, and make the camp of Israel accursed and bring trouble on it.

**19** “But all the silver and gold and articles of bronze and iron are holy to the LORD; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD.”

**Joshua 7:1**

**1** But the sons of Israel acted unfaithfully in regard to the things under the ban, for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, from the tribe of Judah, took some of the things under the ban, therefore the anger of the LORD burned against the sons of Israel.

**Joshua 7:8–12**

**8** “O Lord, what can I say since Israel has turned *their* back before their enemies?

**9** “For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it, and they will surround us and cut off our name from the earth. And what will You do for Your great name?”

**10** So the LORD said to Joshua, “Rise up! Why is it that you have fallen on your face?

**11** “Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. And they have even taken some of the things under the ban and have both stolen and deceived. Moreover, they have also put *them* among their own things.



**12** “Therefore the sons of Israel cannot stand before their enemies; they turn *their* backs before their enemies, for they have become accursed. I will not be with you anymore unless you destroy the things under the ban from your midst.

### **Joshua 7:19–26**

**19** Then Joshua said to Achan, “My son, I implore you, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and give praise to Him; and tell me now what you have done. Do not hide it from me.”

**20** So Achan answered Joshua and said, “Truly, I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel, and this is what I did:

**21** when I saw among the spoil a beautiful mantle from Shinar and two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold fifty shekels in weight, then I coveted them and took them; and behold, they are concealed in the earth inside my tent with the silver underneath it.”

**22** So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and behold, it was concealed in his tent with the silver underneath it.

**23** They took them from inside the tent and brought them to Joshua and to all the sons of Israel, and they poured them out before the LORD.

**24** Then Joshua and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the mantle, the bar of gold, his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent and all that belonged to him; and they brought them up to the valley of Achor.

**25** Joshua said, “Why have you troubled us? The LORD will trouble you this day.” And all Israel stoned them with stones; and they burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones.

**26** They raised over him a great heap of stones that stands to this day, and the LORD turned from the fierceness of His anger. Therefore the name of that place has been called the valley of Achor to this day.

### **1 John 2:15–17**

**15** Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

**16** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

**17** The world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

**Colossians 3:5–6**

**5** Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

**6** For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience,

**1 Timothy 6:6–10**

**6** But godliness *actually* is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment.

**7** For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either.

**8** If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.

**9** But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction.

**10** For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

**1 Corinthians 9:4–14**

**4** Do we not have a right to eat and drink?

**5** Do we not have a right to take along a believing wife, even as the rest of the apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas?

**6** Or do only Barnabas and I not have a right to refrain from working?

**7** Who at any time serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat the fruit of it? Or who tends a flock and does not use the milk of the flock?

**8** I am not speaking these things according to human judgment, am I? Or does not the Law also say these things?

**9** For it is written in the Law of Moses, “YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING.” God is not concerned about oxen, is He?

**10** Or is He speaking altogether for our sake? Yes, for our sake it was written, because the plowman ought to plow in hope, and the thresher *to thresh* in hope of sharing *the crops*.

**11** If we sowed spiritual things in you, is it too much if we reap material things from you?

**12** If others share the right over you, do we not more? Nevertheless, we did not use this right, but we endure all things so that we will cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ.

**13** Do you not know that those who perform sacred services eat the *food* of the temple, *and* those who attend regularly to the altar have their share from the altar?

**14** So also the Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel.

**1 Thessalonians 2:3–6**

**3** For our exhortation does not *come* from error or impurity or by way of deceit;

**4** but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who examines our hearts.

**5** For we never came with flattering speech, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness—

**6** nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, even though as apostles of Christ we might have asserted our authority.

**2 Peter 2:1–3**

**1** But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

**2** Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;

**3** and in *their* greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

**2 Timothy 4:9–10**

**9** Make every effort to come to me soon;

**10** for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens *has gone* to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

**Genesis 10:1**

**1** Now these are *the records of* the generations of Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah; and sons were born to them after the flood.

**Genesis 10:22**

**22** The sons of Shem *were* Elam and Asshur and Arpachshad and Lud and Aram.

**Genesis 25:20**

**20** and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife.

**Judges 10:6**

6 Then the sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, served the Baals and the Ashtaroth, the gods of Aram, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the sons of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines; thus they forsook the LORD and did not serve Him.

**2 Samuel 10:18–19**

18 But the Arameans fled before Israel, and David killed 700 charioteers of the Arameans and 40,000 horsemen and struck down Shobach the commander of their army, and he died there.

19 When all the kings, servants of Hadadezer, saw that they were defeated by Israel, they made peace with Israel and served them. So the Arameans feared to help the sons of Ammon anymore.

**1 Kings 11:23–25**

23 God also raised up *another* adversary to him, Rezon the son of Eliada, who had fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah.

24 He gathered men to himself and became leader of a marauding band, after David slew them of *Zobah*; and they went to Damascus and stayed there, and reigned in Damascus.

25 So he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, along with the evil that Hadad *did*; and he abhorred Israel and reigned over Aram.

**1 Kings 15:18–19**

18 Then Asa took all the silver and the gold which were left in the treasuries of the house of the LORD and the treasuries of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants. And King Asa sent them to Ben-hadad the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, king of Aram, who lived in Damascus, saying,

19 "*Let there be a treaty between you and me, as between my father and your father. Behold, I have sent you a present of silver and gold; go, break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel so that he will withdraw from me.*"

**Isaiah 7:8**

8 "For the head of Aram is Damascus and the head of Damascus is Rezin (now within another 65 years Ephraim will be shattered, *so that it is no longer a people*),

**1 Kings 20:1**

1 Now Ben-hadad king of Aram gathered all his army, and there *were* thirty-two kings with him, and horses and chariots. And he went up and besieged Samaria and fought against it.

**2 Kings 18:26**

**26** Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna and Joah, said to Rabshakeh, “Speak now to your servants in Aramaic, for we understand *it*; and do not speak with us in Judean in the hearing of the people who are on the wall.”

**Exodus 22:1–15**

**1** “If a man steals an ox or a sheep and slaughters it or sells it, he shall pay five oxen for the ox and four sheep for the sheep.

**2** “If the thief is caught while breaking in and is struck so that he dies, there will be no bloodguiltiness on his account.

**3** “*But* if the sun has risen on him, there will be bloodguiltiness on his account. He shall surely make restitution; if he owns nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.

**4** “If what he stole is actually found alive in his possession, whether an ox or a donkey or a sheep, he shall pay double.

**5** “If a man lets a field or vineyard be grazed *bare* and lets his animal loose so that it grazes in another man’s field, he shall make restitution from the best of his own field and the best of his own vineyard.

**6** “If a fire breaks out and spreads to thorn bushes, so that stacked grain or the standing grain or the field *itself* is consumed, he who started the fire shall surely make restitution.

**7** “If a man gives his neighbor money or goods to keep *for him* and it is stolen from the man’s house, if the thief is caught, he shall pay double.

**8** “If the thief is not caught, then the owner of the house shall appear before the judges, *to* determine whether he laid his hands on his neighbor’s property.

**9** “For every breach of trust, *whether it is* for ox, for donkey, for sheep, for clothing, *or* for any lost thing about which one says, ‘This is it,’ the case of both parties shall come before the judges; he whom the judges condemn shall pay double to his neighbor.

**10** “If a man gives his neighbor a donkey, an ox, a sheep, or any animal to keep *for him*, and it dies or is hurt or is driven away while no one is looking,

**11** an oath before the LORD shall be made by the two of them that he has not laid hands on his neighbor’s property; and its owner shall accept *it*, and he shall not make restitution.

**12** “But if it is actually stolen from him, he shall make restitution to its owner.

**13** “If it is all torn to pieces, let him bring it as evidence; he shall not make restitution for what has been torn to pieces.

**14** “If a man borrows *anything* from his neighbor, and it is injured or dies while its owner is not with it, he shall make full restitution.

**15** “If its owner is with it, he shall not make restitution; if it is hired, it came for its hire.

**Proverbs 21:31**

**31** The horse is prepared for the day of battle, But victory belongs to the LORD.

**Daniel 4:34–35**

**34** “But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom *endures* from generation to generation.

**35** “All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does according to His will in the host of heaven And *among* the inhabitants of earth; And no one can ward off His hand Or say to Him, ‘What have You done?’

**Daniel 10:4–15**

**4** On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, while I was by the bank of the great river, that is, the Tigris,

**5** I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a certain man dressed in linen, whose waist was girded with *a belt of* pure gold of Uphaz.

**6** His body also *was* like beryl, his face had the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a tumult.

**7** Now I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, while the men who were with me did not see the vision; nevertheless, a great dread fell on them, and they ran away to hide themselves.

**8** So I was left alone and saw this great vision; yet no strength was left in me, for my natural color turned to a deathly pallor, and I retained no strength.

**9** But I heard the sound of his words; and as soon as I heard the sound of his words, I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.

**10** Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.

**11** He said to me, “O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

**12** Then he said to me, “Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding *this* and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words.

**13** “But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.

**14** “Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet *future*.”

15 When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless.

### **Ephesians 1:18–23**

18 *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might

20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*,

21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church,

23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

### **John 17:17**

17 “Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

### **1 Peter 1:13–16**

13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober *in spirit*, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance,

15 but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior;

16 because it is written, “YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.”

### **Romans 8:31–39**

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us?

32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

33 Who will bring a charge against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies;

34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

**36** Just as it is written, “FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED.”

**37** But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

**38** For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

**39** nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Ephesians 1:13–14**

**13** In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

**14** who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God’s own* possession, to the praise of His glory.

### **1 Corinthians 10:13**

**13** No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

### **1 Kings 19:15**

**15** The LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus, and when you have arrived, you shall anoint Hazael king over Aram;

### **2 Timothy 4:1–4**

**1** I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

**2** preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

**3** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,

**4** and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.



**Lesson Three: The Tragedy of Sin (2 Kings 8-10; 2 Chronicles 21-22)****2 Samuel 7:11b–16**

**11b** The LORD also declares to you that the LORD will make a house for you.

**12** “When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom.

**13** “He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

**14** “I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men,

**15** but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took *it* away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

**16** “Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.” ’ ’ ”

**Psalm 89:3–4**

**3** “I have made a covenant with My chosen; I have sworn to David My servant,

**4** I will establish your seed forever And build up your throne to all generations.” Selah.

**2 Chronicles 14:2–5**

**2** Asa did good and right in the sight of the LORD his God,

**3** for he removed the foreign altars and high places, tore down the *sacred* pillars, cut down the Asherim,

**4** and commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers and to observe the law and the commandment.

**5** He also removed the high places and the incense altars from all the cities of Judah. And the kingdom was undisturbed under him.

**2 Chronicles 19:2–3**

**2** Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him and said to King Jehoshaphat, “Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD and so *bring* wrath on yourself from the LORD?

**3** “But there is *some* good in you, for you have removed the Asheroth from the land and you have set your heart to seek God.”

**2 Chronicles 20:31–32**

**31** Now Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah. He *was* thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-five years. And his mother's name *was* Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

**32** He walked in the way of his father Asa and did not depart from it, doing right in the sight of the LORD.

**1 Corinthians 15:33**

**33** Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

**2 Corinthians 6:14–18**

**14** Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

**15** Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?

**16** Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

**17** "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you.

**18** "And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me," Says the Lord Almighty.

**Proverbs 1:10–19**

**10** My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent.

**11** If they say, "Come with us, Let us lie in wait for blood, Let us ambush the innocent without cause;

**12** Let us swallow them alive like Sheol, Even whole, as those who go down to the pit;

**13** We will find all *kinds* of precious wealth, We will fill our houses with spoil;

**14** Throw in your lot with us, We shall all have one purse,"

**15** My son, do not walk in the way with them. Keep your feet from their path,

**16** For their feet run to evil And they hasten to shed blood.

**17** Indeed, it is useless to spread the *baited* net In the sight of any bird;

**18** But they lie in wait for their own blood; They ambush their own lives.

**19** So are the ways of everyone who gains by violence; It takes away the life of its possessors.

**1 Kings 11:1–5**

**1** Now King Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women,

**2** from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the sons of Israel, “You shall not associate with them, nor shall they associate with you, *for* they will surely turn your heart away after their gods.” Solomon held fast to these in love.

**3** He had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned his heart away.

**4** For when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father *had been*.

**5** For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians and after Milcom the detestable idol of the Ammonites.

**1 Kings 12:6–11**

**6** King Rehoboam consulted with the elders who had served his father Solomon while he was still alive, saying, “How do you counsel *me* to answer this people?”

**7** Then they spoke to him, saying, “If you will be a servant to this people today, and will serve them and grant them their petition, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever.”

**8** But he forsook the counsel of the elders which they had given him, and consulted with the young men who grew up with him and served him.

**9** So he said to them, “What counsel do you give that we may answer this people who have spoken to me, saying, ‘Lighten the yoke which your father put on us?’”

**10** The young men who grew up with him spoke to him, saying, “Thus you shall say to this people who spoke to you, saying, ‘Your father made our yoke heavy, now you make it lighter for us!’ But you shall speak to them, ‘My little finger is thicker than my father’s loins!

**11** ‘Whereas my father loaded you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.’ ”

**1 Corinthians 11:27–32**

**27** Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

**28** But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

**29** For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.

**30** For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.

**31** But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.

**32** But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

**1 Kings 19:15–18**

**15** The LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus, and when you have arrived, you shall anoint Hazael king over Aram;

**16** and Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint king over Israel; and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place.

**17** “It shall come about, the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall put to death.

**18** “Yet I will leave 7,000 in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

**1 Kings 21:17–29**

**17** Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

**18** “Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who is in Samaria; behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth where he has gone down to take possession of it.

**19** “You shall speak to him, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Have you murdered and also taken possession?’ ’ And you shall speak to him, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD, “In the place where the dogs licked up the blood of Naboth the dogs will lick up your blood, even yours.” ’ ”

**20** Ahab said to Elijah, “Have you found me, O my enemy?” And he answered, “I have found *you*, because you have sold yourself to do evil in the sight of the LORD.

**21** “Behold, I will bring evil upon you, and will utterly sweep you away, and will cut off from Ahab every male, both bond and free in Israel;

**22** and I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, because of the provocation with which you have provoked *Me* to anger, and *because* you have made Israel sin.

**23** “Of Jezebel also has the LORD spoken, saying, ‘The dogs will eat Jezebel in the district of Jezreel.’

**24** “The one belonging to Ahab, who dies in the city, the dogs will eat, and the one who dies in the field the birds of heaven will eat.”

**25** Surely there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do evil in the sight of the LORD, because Jezebel his wife incited him.

**26** He acted very abominably in following idols, according to all that the Amorites had done, whom the LORD cast out before the sons of Israel.

**27** It came about when Ahab heard these words, that he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and fasted, and he lay in sackcloth and went about despondently.

**28** Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

**29** “Do you see how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the evil in his days, *but* I will bring the evil upon his house in his son’s days.”

**Jeremiah 35**

**1** The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying,

**2** “Go to the house of the Rechabites and speak to them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink.”

**3** Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, son of Habazziniah, and his brothers and all his sons and the whole house of the Rechabites,

**4** and I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan the son of Igdaliah, the man of God, which was near the chamber of the officials, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the doorkeeper.

**5** Then I set before the men of the house of the Rechabites pitchers full of wine and cups; and I said to them, “Drink wine!”

**6** But they said, “We will not drink wine, for Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, commanded us, saying, ‘You shall not drink wine, you or your sons, forever.

**7** ‘You shall not build a house, and you shall not sow seed and you shall not plant a vineyard or own one; but in tents you shall dwell all your days, that you may live many days in the land where you sojourn.’

**8** “We have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, in all that he commanded us, not to drink wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons or our daughters,

**9** nor to build ourselves houses to dwell in; and we do not have vineyard or field or seed.

**10** “We have only dwelt in tents, and have obeyed and have done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.

**11** “But when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against the land, we said, ‘Come and let us go to Jerusalem before the army of the Chaldeans and before the army of the Arameans.’ So we have dwelt in Jerusalem.”

**12** Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

**13** “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, ‘Go and say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, “Will you not receive instruction by listening to My words?”’ declares the LORD.

**14** “The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, which he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are observed. So they do not drink *wine* to this day, for they have obeyed their father’s command. But I have spoken to you again and again; yet you have not listened to Me.

**15** “Also I have sent to you all My servants the prophets, sending *them* again and again, saying: ‘Turn now every man from his evil way and amend your deeds, and do not go after other gods to worship them. Then you will dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your forefathers; but you have not inclined your ear or listened to Me.

**16** ‘Indeed, the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have observed the command of their father which he commanded them, but this people has not listened to Me.’ ”

**17** “Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel, ‘Behold, I am bringing on Judah and on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the disaster that I have pronounced against

them; because I spoke to them but they did not listen, and I have called them but they did not answer.’ ”

**18** Then Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, ‘Because you have obeyed the command of Jonadab your father, kept all his commands and done according to all that he commanded you;

**19** therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, “Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not lack a man to stand before Me always.” ’ ”

### **Deuteronomy 4:23–27**

**23** “So watch yourselves, that you do not forget the covenant of the LORD your God which He made with you, and make for yourselves a graven image in the form of anything *against* which the LORD your God has commanded you.

**24** “For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

**25** “When you become the father of children and children’s children and have remained long in the land, and act corruptly, and make an idol in the form of anything, and do that which is evil in the sight of the LORD your God *so as* to provoke Him to anger,

**26** I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you will surely perish quickly from the land where you are going over the Jordan to possess it. You shall not live long on it, but will be utterly destroyed.

**27** “The LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD drives you.

**Lesson Four: Legacy (2 Kings 11-12; 2 Chronicles 22-24)****2 Samuel 7:11b–16**

**11b** The LORD also declares to you that the LORD will make a house for you.

**12** “When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom.

**13** “He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

**14** “I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men,

**15** but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took *it* away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

**16** “Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.” ’ ”

**2 Kings 8:19**

**19** However, the LORD was not willing to destroy Judah, for the sake of David His servant, since He had promised him to give a lamp to him through his sons always.

**2 Kings 8:25–29**

**25** In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah began to reign.

**26** Ahaziah *was* twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother’s name *was* Athaliah the granddaughter of Omri king of Israel.

**27** He walked in the way of the house of Ahab and did evil in the sight of the LORD, like the house of Ahab *had done*, because he was a son-in-law of the house of Ahab.

**28** Then he went with Joram the son of Ahab to war against Hazael king of Aram at Ramoth-gilead, and the Arameans wounded Joram.

**29** So King Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Arameans had inflicted on him at Ramah when he fought against Hazael king of Aram. Then Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel because he was sick.

**2 Kings 9:21–28**

**21** Then Joram said, “Get ready.” And they made his chariot ready. Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out to meet Jehu and found him in the property of Naboth the Jezreelite.

**22** When Joram saw Jehu, he said, “Is it peace, Jehu?” And he answered, “What peace, so long as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?”

**23** So Joram reined about and fled and said to Ahaziah, “*There is* treachery, O Ahaziah!”

**24** And Jehu drew his bow with his full strength and shot Joram between his arms; and the arrow went through his heart and he sank in his chariot.

**25** Then *Jehu* said to Bidkar his officer, “Take *him* up and cast him into the property of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite, for I remember when you and I were riding together after Ahab his father, that the LORD laid this oracle against him:

**26** ‘Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons,’ says the LORD, ‘and I will repay you in this property,’ says the LORD. Now then, take and cast him into the property, according to the word of the LORD.”

**27** When Ahaziah the king of Judah saw *this*, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu pursued him and said, “Shoot him too, in the chariot.” *So they shot him* at the ascent of Gur, which is at Ibleam. But he fled to Megiddo and died there.

**28** Then his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem and buried him in his grave with his fathers in the city of David.

## **2 Chronicles 21:16–22:9**

**16** Then the LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines and the Arabs who bordered the Ethiopians;

**17** and they came against Judah and invaded it, and carried away all the possessions found in the king’s house together with his sons and his wives, so that no son was left to him except Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.

**18** So after all this the LORD smote him in his bowels with an incurable sickness.

**19** Now it came about in the course of time, at the end of two years, that his bowels came out because of his sickness and he died in great pain. And his people made no fire for him like the fire for his fathers.

**20** He was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years; and he departed with no one’s regret, and they buried him in the city of David, but not in the tombs of the kings.

**1** Then the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah, his youngest son, king in his place, for the band of men who came with the Arabs to the camp had slain all the older *sons*. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah began to reign.

**2** Ahaziah *was* twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother’s name was Athaliah, the granddaughter of Omri.

**3** He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother was his counselor to do wickedly.

**4** He did evil in the sight of the LORD like the house of Ahab, for they were his counselors after the death of his father, to his destruction.



**5** He also walked according to their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to wage war against Hazael king of Aram at Ramoth-gilead. But the Arameans wounded Joram.

**6** So he returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which they had inflicted on him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Aram. And Ahaziah, the son of Jehoram king of Judah, went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

**7** Now the destruction of Ahaziah was from God, in that he went to Joram. For when he came, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.

**8** It came about when Jehu was executing judgment on the house of Ahab, he found the princes of Judah and the sons of Ahaziah's brothers ministering to Ahaziah, and slew them.

**9** He also sought Ahaziah, and they caught him while he was hiding in Samaria; they brought him to Jehu, put him to death and buried him. For they said, "He is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the LORD with all his heart." So there was no one of the house of Ahaziah to retain the power of the kingdom.

### **1 Kings 5:5**

**5** "Behold, I intend to build a house for the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spoke to David my father, saying, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, he will build the house for My name.'



**Lesson Five: A Mantle and a Heart for God (2 Kings 13-14; 2 Chronicles 25)**

**Judges 2:11–17**

**11** Then the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals,  
**12** and they forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods from *among* the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed themselves down to them; thus they provoked the LORD to anger.

**13** So they forsook the LORD and served Baal and the Ashtaroth.

**14** The anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and He gave them into the hands of plunderers who plundered them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies around *them*, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies.

**15** Wherever they went, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had spoken and as the LORD had sworn to them, so that they were severely distressed.

**16** Then the LORD raised up judges who delivered them from the hands of those who plundered them.

**17** Yet they did not listen to their judges, for they played the harlot after other gods and bowed themselves down to them. They turned aside quickly from the way in which their fathers had walked in obeying the commandments of the LORD; they did not do as *their fathers*.

**2 Kings 2:12**

**12** Elisha saw *it* and cried out, “My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw Elijah no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

**2 Kings 13:14**

**14** When Elisha became sick with the illness of which he was to die, Joash the king of Israel came down to him and wept over him and said, “My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!”

**Deuteronomy 33:1**

**1** Now this is the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the sons of Israel before his death.

**1 Samuel 9:6–9**

**6** He said to him, “Behold now, there is a man of God in this city, and the man is held in honor; all that he says surely comes true. Now let us go there, perhaps he can tell us about our journey on which we have set out.”

7 Then Saul said to his servant, “But behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? For the bread is gone from our sack and there is no present to bring to the man of God. What do we have?”

8 The servant answered Saul again and said, “Behold, I have in my hand a fourth of a shekel of silver; I will give *it* to the man of God and he will tell us our way.”

9 (Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he used to say, “Come, and let us go to the seer”; for *he who is called* a prophet now was formerly called a seer.)

#### **Nehemiah 12:24**

24 The heads of the Levites *were* Hashabiah, Sherebiah and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brothers opposite them, to praise *and* give thanks, as prescribed by David the man of God, division corresponding to division.

#### **Nehemiah 12:36**

36 and his kinsmen, Shemaiah, Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, Judah *and* Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God. And Ezra the scribe went before them.

#### **1 Kings 12:22**

22 But the word of God came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

#### **1 Kings 17:24**

24 Then the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

#### **2 Chronicles 25:7–9**

7 But a man of God came to him saying, “O king, do not let the army of Israel go with you, for the LORD is not with Israel *nor with* any of the sons of Ephraim.

8 “But if you do go, do *it*, be strong for the battle; *yet* God will bring you down before the enemy, for God has power to help and to bring down.”

9 Amaziah said to the man of God, “But what *shall we* do for the hundred talents which I have given to the troops of Israel?” And the man of God answered, “The LORD has much more to give you than this.”

**1 Timothy 6:11–14**

**11** But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance *and* gentleness.

**12** Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

**13** I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate,

**14** that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**2 Timothy 3:16–17**

**16** All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

**17** so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

**Matthew 17:1–13**

**1** Six days later Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves.

**2** And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light.

**3** And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

**4** Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

**5** While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!”

**6** When the disciples heard *this*, they fell face down to the ground and were terrified.

**7** And Jesus came to *them* and touched them and said, “Get up, and do not be afraid.”

**8** And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone.

**9** As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.”

**10** And His disciples asked Him, “Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?”

**11** And He answered and said, “Elijah is coming and will restore all things;

**12** but I say to you that Elijah already came, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they wished. So also the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands.”

**13** Then the disciples understood that He had spoken to them about John the Baptist.

**Malachi 4:5–6**

5 “Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD.

6 “He will restore the hearts of the fathers to *their* children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.”

**Luke 4:22–30**

22 And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which were falling from His lips; and they were saying, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”

23 And He said to them, “No doubt you will quote this proverb to Me, ‘Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we heard was done at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.’ ”

24 And He said, “Truly I say to you, no prophet is welcome in his hometown.

25 “But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land;

26 and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath, *in the land* of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

27 “And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”

28 And all *the people* in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things;

29 and they got up and drove Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff.

30 But passing through their midst, He went His way.

**Deuteronomy 6:4–14**

4 “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!

5 “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

6 “These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart.

7 “You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

8 “You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.

9 “You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

10 “Then it shall come about when the LORD your God brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you, great and splendid cities which you did not build,

11 and houses full of all good things which you did not fill, and hewn cisterns which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and you eat and are satisfied,

**12** then watch yourself, that you do not forget the LORD who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

**13** “You shall fear *only* the LORD your God; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name.

**14** “You shall not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who surround you,

**Matthew 22:35–38**

**35** One of them, a lawyer, asked Him *a question*, testing Him,

**36** “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”

**37** And He said to him, “ ‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’

**38** “This is the great and foremost commandment.