CRISIS FAITH
2 Kings 13

MAIN THOUGHT Both JEHOAHAZ (1-9) and JEHOASH (10-25) sought the Lord when in trouble only to forsake Him yet again.

JEHOAHAZ (1-9).

• Jehoahaz, Jehu’s son, became the 12th king of Israel (814-798 BC).
• Like his father he chose wicked Jeroboam as his role model (10:29).
• The Lord kept his thumb on him by oppressing Israel with the Aramaens.
• In a foxhole prayer, he sought the Lord—not idols or golden calves.
• In spite of their disobedience, carnality, sinfulness, and low road life of living in the barren desolate wilderness, God sent a deliverer (Rom. 5:8).
• God was remembering his promise to them through Abraham (23).
• They REFUSED to turn away from their sins (Jer. 5:3; Matt. 22:3; 2 Thess. 2:10).
• They continued to decline—suffering from God’s discipline (Heb. 12:7-11).

JEHOASH (10-25).

HE FOLLOWED THE WRONG EXAMPLES (10-13).
• Jehoash, Jehoahaz’s son, became the 13th king of Israel (798-782 BC).
• He too had bad examples and turned to the Lord only when in trouble.

HE MADE A WISE DECISION (14).
• He went to see Elisha on his death bed. It had been over 40 years since we have heard from Elisha (9:1). He lived some 80 years (Daniel 86 years).
• The king showed respect (Heb. 13:7) by repeating the exact words Elisha had spoken to Elijah at his passing (2:12).
• Elisha was more valuable than their entire army in war.

HE MADE A GREAT MISTAKE (15-19).
• Elisha promised him victory over the Aramaens by placing his hands, the hands of the Lord, on his hands. Better to have the hand of the Lord upon you (Ezek. 1:3; 3:14, 22; 33:22; 37:1; 40:1) than against you (Elymas – Acts 13:11).
• But the king evidenced his lack of faith in striking the ground only three times instead of five or six. Thus only three victories were assured.

HE RECEIVED A GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT (20-21).
• In a bizarre miracle, even in death, Elisha performed a miracle showing that God was still with them. He raised the dead after his death!
• Even after Christ’s earthly death he raises the dead both SPIRITUALLY (Rom 6:4) and LITERALLY (1 Thess. 4:16).

HE WON THREE VICTORIES (22-25). God remembered his covenant and gave Jehoahaz three more victories.