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INFLUENCE DOES NOT DIE

(2 Kings 17:13 – 23)

INTRODUCTION

Posthumous influence - occurring after one's death; coming after; following.

(Romans 14:7) "For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself"

In society, memorials abound as visuals and remembrances of one's influence.

In personal life: "like father, like son;" influenced by what we admire; copy that.

BIBLE EXAMPLES

1. **ABEL** - (Hebrews 11:4) "By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice ... and through it **he being dead still speaks.**"

What does "through it" say?

It says that there is a right way to offer sacrifice to God.

2. **JEREBOAM**

In (1 and 2 Kings), more than 20 times, is stated, "The sins of Jereboam the son of Nebat, **who made Israel to sin.**"

Jereboam's sins influenced Israel's next 15 kings.

God pronounces a judgment on Israel because of this: (1 Kings 14:15-16)
"the Lord will give Israel up because of the sins of Jereboam"

It came to pass: (2 Kings 17:18) "Israel, and removed them from His sight"

Jereboam's sins are listed in (1 Kings 12:25-33): changed the object of worship, the place of worship, the priesthood's tribe, and date of a feast.

3. **OMRI & AHAB** - (Micah 6:18) "For the statutes of Omri are kept.
All the works of Ahab's house you are doing. **And you walk in their councils ...** "

Omri has been dead for 200 years, and Ahab for at least 170 years.

4. **JOB** - (James 5:11) "the perseverance ("patience") of Job"

5. **JESUS** It's been 2000 years, and His influence is world-wide.
In art, music, literature, media, laws of the lands, salvation.