

### **13 – AHAZIAH, ELIJAH & ELISHA (1 KINGS 22:51-53; 2 KINGS 1:1-2:25)**

#### I. The Wickedness of Ahaziah (1 Kings 22:51-53)

- In the 17<sup>th</sup> year of Jehoshaphat's reign as king of Judah, Ahaziah became king over Israel.
- Ahaziah ruled as king over Israel for 2 years.
- He did evil in the sight of the Lord and walked according to the ways of his father and mother.
- He also walked according to the sins of Jeroboam.
- Ahaziah served Baal and provoked the Lord to anger.

#### II. The Confrontation with Elijah (2 Kings 1:1-18)

##### A. Ahaziah's Request (2 Kings 1:1-12)

- The writer points out that Moab rebelled against Israel after Ahab's death.
- Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper room and was injured.
- He sent messengers to inquire of Baal-Zebub concerning if he would recover from his fall.

##### B. Elijah's Proclamation (2 Kings 1:3-8)

- The Angel of the Lord told Elijah to meet Ahaziah's messengers.
- He was to ask them if there was no God in Israel that they must inquire of Baal-Zebub.
- The Lord then stated that Ahaziah shall not recover and will die.
- The messengers returned and were asked why they returned so quickly.
- The messengers stated they were met by a man who prophesied about Ahaziah's death.
- The identity of the man was asked and he was determined to be Elijah the Tishbite.

##### C. The Attempts to Seize Elijah (2 Kings 1:9-16)

- Ahaziah sent a captain with 50 men to command Elijah to come down.
- Elijah stated that if he was a man of God then let fire come down and consume them.
- At that moment, fire came down and consumed the captain and the 50 men.

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- The king sent a second captain with 50 men to get Elijah.
- Again, Elijah made the same proclamation and fire fell and consumed the men.
- The king sent a third captain with 50 men to get Elijah.
- When this captain approached Elijah, he fell and begged for his life and his men as well.
- The Angel of the Lord told Elijah not to fear and to go down with the men.
- Elijah went to Ahaziah and proclaimed that he would die because he inquired of Baal-Zebub.

### D. The Death of Ahaziah (2 Kings 1:17-18)

- Ahaziah died as Elijah had proclaimed and left no heir.
- Jehoram, son of Ahab, became king during the second year of Jehoram, king of Judah.
- The writer lists where the record of Ahaziah was recorded.

### III. Elijah is Taken (2 Kings 2:1-11)

- Elijah left with Elisha for Bethel after trying to encourage Elisha to remain behind.
- When they arrived in Bethel, the sons of the prophets informed Elisha that Elijah will be taken.
- Elisha told them that he knew the Lord was doing this and to speak of it no more.
- Again, Elijah wanted Elisha to remain in Bethel as he was to go to Jericho.
- When they arrived in Jericho, the sons of the prophets informed Elisha that Elijah will be taken.
- Again, Elijah wanted Elisha to remain in Jericho as he was being sent to the Jordan by the Lord.
- They were followed at a distance by 50 men from the sons of the prophet.
- When they reached the Jordan, Elijah struck the River with his mantle and it parted.
- When they crossed over on dry land, Elijah asked Elisha to request what he wanted.
- Elisha asked that a double portion of the spirit would be upon him.
- Elijah stated that if Elisha saw him being taken, he would receive his request.
- As they were speaking, a chariot of fire separated them and Elijah ascended on a whirlwind.

### IV. The Ministry of Elisha Begins (2 Kings 2:12-25)

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- When Elisha saw Elijah being taken, he cried out and tore his clothes.
- He took Elijah's mantle, which was left behind, and went to stand by the Jordan.
- He cried out and asked "where was the Lord God of Elijah?" and struck the river.
- The River parted and Elisha crossed over.
- The sons of the prophets proclaimed that the spirit of Elijah rested on Elisha.
- They came to Elisha and wanted to search for Elijah.
- Elisha refused them, but the men searched for three days and did not find him.
- The men of Jericho came to Elisha to seek help with their water supply.
- Elisha asked for a new bowl with salt in it and cast the salt in the water source.
- After making a proclamation that the Lord had healed the water, the water was healed.
- As he journeyed to Bethel, some young men mocked him.
- Elisha turned and pronounced a curse on them for mocking the Lord and his servant.
- Two female bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the young men.
- Elisha continued on to Samaria after going to Mount Carmel first.