

2Kings

Chapter 1

- ¶1. Now, Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.
2. And Ahaziah had fallen through the lattice of his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and he was ill. And he sent messengers and said to them, "Go, inquire of Baal-zebub, god of Ekron, whether I will recover from this wound."
3. But an angel of Jehovah said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise and go up to meet the messengers of the King of Samaria, and say to them, 'Is it not because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron?'"
4. Therefore, thus says Jehovah: You shall not come down from the bed on which you have gone up, but you shall surely die." So, Elijah went.
5. And the messengers returned to him, and he said to them, "What is this? You have come back!"
6. And they said to him, "A man came up to meet us, and he said to us, 'Go, return to the king who sent you, and you tell him, Thus says Jehovah: Is it not because there is no in Israel that you are sending to inquire of Baalzebub, god of Ekron? Therefore, you will not come down from the bed to which you are gone up, but you shall surely die.'"
7. Then he said to them, "What sort of man was he who came up to meet you and spoke these words to you?"
8. And they said to him, "The man was very hairy, with a leather belt girt about his waist." And he said to them, "This is the Tishbite."
9. Then he sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty, and he went up to him. And behold, he was sitting on top of a hill. And he said to him, "Man of God, the king says to come down!"
10. And Elijah answered and said to the captain of the fifty, "If I am really a man if God, fire will come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." And fire came down out of heaven and consumed him and his fifty.
11. And again, he sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty, and he answered and said to him, "Man of God, thus says the king: Come down immediately!"
12. But Elijah answered and said to them, "If I am a man of God, fire will come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.
13. And again, he sent the captain of a third fifty, with his fifty. And the captain of the third fifty went up, and came, and fell to his knees before Elijah, and begged him, and said to him, "O man of God, I beg you, let my life and the life of your servants, these fifty men, be precious in your eyes.
14. Behold, fire has come down from heaven and consumed the captains of the former fifties with their fifties, but now, let my life be precious in your eyes.

15. Then an angel of Jehovah said to Elijah, “Go down with him. Do not fear him, but rise up and go on down with him to the king.”
16. And he said to him, “Thus says Jehovah: Forasmuch as you sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub, god of Ekron – is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of His word? – therefore, you shall not come down from the bed upon which you have gone up, but you will surely die.”
17. So, he died, according to the word of Jehovah which Elijah spoke, and in his stead, in the second year of Jehoram ben-Jehoshaphat, King of Judah, Jehoram began to reign, since he¹ had no son.
18. And the rest of the acts of Ahaziah, which he did, are they not written in the Book of Events of the Days of the Kings of Israel?

Chapter 2

- ¶1. Now, it came to pass that Jehovah would take Elijah up to heaven in a storm-wind. And Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.
2. And Elijah said to Elishah, “Stay here, if you want, because Jehovah has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elishah said, “I swear by the life of Jehovah, and by your life, I will not leave you!” And so, they went down to Bethel.
3. And the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel went out to Elishah and said to him, “Do you know that today, Jehovah is going to take your lord away from your head?” And he said, “I know it, too. Hush.”
4. And Elijah said to him, Elishah, “Stay here, if you want, for Jehovah has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “I swear by the life of Jehovah, and by your life, I will not leave you!” And so, they went to Jericho.
5. And the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho approached Elishah and said to him, “Do you know that today, Jehovah is going to take your lord away from your head?” And he said, “I know it, too. Hush.”
6. Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, if you want, because Jehovah has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “I swear by the life of Jehovah, and by your life, I will not leave you!” And so, the two of them went.
7. And fifty men from the sons of the prophets went, and they stood within sight, at a distance. But the two of them stood by the Jordan.
8. And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it up, and struck the waters, and they parted, this way and that. And they two crossed over on dry ground.
9. And it came to pass when they had crossed over that Elijah said to Elishah, “Ask what I will do for you before I am taken away from you.” And Elishah said, “If you will, let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.”

¹ That is, Ahaziah.

10. And he said, "You have asked a hard thing. If you see me taken away from you, as *you have asked*, so shall it be for you, but if not, it will not be.
11. And it came to pass as they walked along and talked that, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire caused a separation between the two, and Elijah went up in a whirlwind from heaven.
12. And Elijah saw it, and he cried out, "My father! My father! The chariot of Israel and his horsemen!" And he did not see him any more. And he grabbed his garments and ripped them apart.
13. And he picked up Elijah's mantle which had fallen from off him, and returned and stood upon the bank of the Jordan.
14. And he took Elijah's mantle that had fallen from off him and struck the waters, saying, "Where is Jehovah, Elijah's God?" He, too, struck the waters, and they parted this way and that, and Elisha crossed over.
15. And the sons of the prophets who lived in Jericho were opposite Elisha, watching, the spirit of Elijah rests upon Elishah! And they came to meet him, and they bowed before him on the ground.
16. And they said to him, "Behold now, there are fifty of your servants, stout men. They will go, if you will, and look for your great lord, lest the Spirit of Jehovah has taken him up and thrown him on one of the mountains or into one of the valleys." But he said, "Do not send *them*."
17. But they pressed him until he was exasperated and said, "Send *them*!" And they sent fifty men, and they searched three days, but did not find him.
18. Then they returned to him (and he was staying in Jericho), and he said to them, "Didn't I say to you not to go?"
19. Then the men of the city said to Elishah, "Behold, now, the city's location is good, as my lord sees, but the water is bad and the land unfruitful."
20. And he said, "Bring me a new jar, and put salt in it." And they brought it to him.
21. And he went out to the spring of water and threw the salt in, and then he said, "Thus says Jehovah: I have healed these waters. There shall no longer be death or bereavement because of them!"
22. And the waters were healed until this day, according to the word of Elishah that he spoke.
23. And he went up from there to Bethel. And as he was going up along the road, young boys came out from the city, and they mocked him and said to him, "Go up, Baldy! Go up, Baldy!"
24. And he turned behind him and saw them, and he cursed them in the name of Jehovah. And two bears came out of the woods and ripped to pieces forty-two of the boys.
25. And he went on from there to Mount Carmel, and from there, he returned to Samaria.

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5. Then the King of Assyria went up into all the land, and he went up to Samaria and besieged it for three years.

6. In the ninth year of Hoshea, the King of Assyria took Samaria and carried Israel away into exile in Assyria, and he resettled *them* in Halah, and by Habor, a river of Gozan, and *in* cities of the Medes.
- ¶7. Now, this took place because the children of Israel sinned against Jehovah their God, who brought them up out of Egypt, from the hand of Pharaoh, King of Egypt, but they feared other gods,
8. and lived according to the statutes of the Gentiles whom Jehovah dispossessed before the children of Israel, and *the statutes* of the kings of Israel which they made.
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13. Yet, the LORD had testified through every prophet *and* every seer in Israel and in Judah, saying, “Turn from *your* evil ways, and keep my commandments *and* my statutes, according to the whole law that I commanded *your* fathers and that I sent to you by the hand of my servants the prophets!”
14. But they would not listen, and they stiffened their necks like the necks of their fathers who did not trust in Jehovah their God.
15. They rejected His statutes, and His covenant that He made with their fathers, and His testimonies that He testified against them, and they went after vanity and became vain themselves, and followed after the nations that *were* around them, *concerning* whom the LORD had commanded *them* not to do like them.
16. They forsook all the commandments of Jehovah their God, and they made for themselves two molten calves and erected an Asherah² and worshipped all the host of heaven and served Baal.
17. And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire. And they practiced divination, and observed signs, and sold themselves to do evil in the eyes of the LORD, provoking Him to anger.
18. Therefore, Jehovah was very angry with Israel and removed them from His sight, and none were left, but *the* tribe of Judah only.
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24. And the King of Assyria brought *people* from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath and Sepharvaim, and he resettled them in the cities of Samaria in the

² A sacred tree or pole in honor of Asherah, a Canaanite goddess.

- place of the children of Israel, and they took possession of Samaria and lived in its cities.
25. And it came to pass when they first settled there, that they did not fear Jehovah. Therefore, Jehovah sent lions among them that were killing some of them.
 26. Then some spoke to the King of Assyria, saying, “The nations that you removed and resettled in the cities of Samaria do not know the way of the god of the land. So, he has sent lions among them, and behold, they are killing them because they are not observing the way of the god of the land.”
 27. Then the King of Assyria gave a commandment, saying, “Take back one of the priests that you carried away from there, and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the way of the god of the land.”
 28. So, one of the priests whom they had led into exile from Samaria came and lived in Bethel, and he taught them how they should fear Jehovah.
 29. But every nation continued making its own gods, and they set *them* in the houses of the high places that the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities where they dwelled.
 30. The men of Babylon made Succoth-Benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima,
 31. and the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burned their children in the fire to Adrammelek and Anammelek, the gods of the Sepharvites,
 32. they also feared Jehovah, and made for themselves from the lowest of them priests of the high places, and they ministered for them in the houses of the high places.
 33. They feared Jehovah and served their own gods according to the way of the nations from which they had removed them.
 34. Unto this day, they do according to the former ways. They do not fear Jehovah, and they do not do according to their statutes or according to their custom, or according to the law, or according to the commandment that Jehovah commanded the children of Jacob, whom He named Israel.
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18. And they called for the king and Eliakim son of Hilkiah who was over the house came out to them Shebna the scribe, Joah the son of Asaph the recorder.

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