

1 Kings 22:51 - 2 Kings 2:18
Elijah's Final Days
Lesson 19

Jehoshaphat had been one of Judah's strongest and most faithful kings, but little space was given to his reign in the book of 1 Kings because he was constantly over shadowed by the wicked King Ahab. The Chronicles account gave more information and showed how Jehoshaphat trusted in God, while at the same time he positioned himself in a world of constantly changing political alliances. Following King Ahab's death, Jehoshaphat would have to deal with Ahaziah, the new king of Israel.

Ahaziah - King of Israel - 2 Kings 1

1. At Ahab's death, his son took over as king of Israel. What information is given about Ahaziah's reign? (1 Kings 22:51-53)

2. 1 Kings 22:53 said Ahaziah "provoked the Lord, the God of Israel, to anger, just as his father had done." An example is given in 2 Kings 1:1-2. Describe the situation.

3. How was God provoked and what did He do? (vs. 3-4)

4. The messengers had their answer so returned to King Ahaziah. Since it was much too soon to have traveled to Ekron and back he questioned them. How did they answer? (vs. 5-6)

5. King Ahaziah asked for the identity of the man. How did they describe him? (vs. 7-8)

6. The king knew immediately his father's old foe (1 Kings 18:15-18) had returned. Remembering his father's history with Elijah, how did Ahaziah approach him? (vs. 9a) Comment.

7. What title did Ahaziah's men address Elijah by and what was the king's message? (vs. 9b)
8. What do you think King Ahaziah expected Elijah to do?
9. What did Elijah do? Please comment. (vs. 10)
10. The king was really provoked. What did he do and what was the result? (vs. 11-12)
11. Ahaziah sent a third captain and his men. What approach did this captain take with Elijah? Comment. (vs. 13-14)
12. The captain waited humbly on his knees before Elijah knowing his life and that of his men were in the hands of Elijah. What happened? (vs. 15)
13. After all Ahaziah had gone through to get Elijah to come to him, what was Elijah's message when he finally did arrive? (vs. 16 & 1:6)
14. How did it end? (vs. 17a)
15. Who succeeded Ahaziah? (vs. 17b & 3:1)

Fill in **The Kings of Israel & Judah Chart** on Ahaziah.

Elijah's "Home Going" 2 Kings 2

16. The writer of Kings began chapter 2 telling what was about to happen, then went back to fill in the details. What was about to happen? (vs. 1a)

17. Who was there and what were they doing? (vs. 1b)

Refresh your memory on his identity from 1 Kings 19:16-21.

18. What was the conversation in 2 Kings 2:2?

19. Along the way, they meet a group of prophets. What did they tell Elisha and what was Elisha's reply? (vs. 3)

- Why do you think Elisha said that?

20. Elijah tried a second time to get Elisha to stay behind. What did he say this time and how did Elisha answer him? (vs. 4)

21. When they arrived at Jericho what happened? (vs. 5)

- Since all this took place in one day, what do you think was going on?

22. Once again Elijah told Elisha to stay there (at Jericho) while he would continue on to the Jordan. And once again Elisha said he would not leave him and so the two walked on. Again 50 prophets came to Elijah, but this time it was different. Describe what happened at the Jordan? (vs. 7-8)

23. What role do you think the prophets had?

24. The end of Elijah's earthly journey had finally been reached. But before he left, Elijah spoke to Elisha one last time. What did he say? (vs. 9a)
25. How did Elisha answer him? (vs. 9b)
26. What do you think that meant? (Numbers 11:16-17)
27. Elijah answered him by saying he had made a difficult request, but, it was not impossible. What direction did he give to Elisha? (vs. 10)
28. What do you think Elijah was teaching Elisha with his answer?
29. Describe Elijah's "home going". (vs. 11)
30. Was Elisha successful in following Elijah's instructions? (vs. 12a)
31. What was Elisha's reaction to this awesome display of God's power? (vs. 12)
32. Elisha picked up Elijah's cloak that had fallen to the ground and stood at the bank of the Jordan River. What did he do? Comment. (vs. 13-14)
33. The prophets had remained where they were along the Jordan River. What did they say and do when Elisha returned? (vs. 15)

34. These prophets had served as God's witnesses to the events at the Jordan. What did they offer Elisha and what was his answer? (vs. 16)
35. But, as man often does, they persisted. What was the result? (vs. 17-18)