

2 Kings 2:18 - 3:27
Elisha's Ministry Begins
Lesson 20

"The story of Elijah closes with a tender picture of an old master and an able student, walking side by side out of Gilgal (Israel's first worship center - Joshua 4:19). Elisha knew that his time to inherit Elijah's role was at hand and he was no doubt a little edgy. Elijah wanted to walk on alone up to Bethel, back to Jericho and finally across the Jordan and into heaven - but Elisha insisted they stay together."

Shepherd's Notes

Elijah who had commanded the fire of God in public was taken up to heaven in a whirlwind, leaving Elisha to serve as God's prophet -- but with the double portion of Elijah's spirit just as he had requested.

Elisha and the Water - 2 Kings 2

1. Where did this event take place? (vs. 18)

2. What was the problem? (vs. 19)

3. Describe the miracle Elisha performed? (vs. 20-22)

Elisha at Bethel - 2 Kings 2

4. Following Elijah's route, Elisha went from Jericho to Bethel. What happened along the way? (vs. 23)

5. What might these youths have been involved in? (1 Kings 12:26-33)

6. How did Elisha handle this? (vs. 24a)

7. What happened as a result? (vs. 24b)

8. What lesson do you think was taught that day?

9. After stopping at Bethel, Elisha went on to Mt. Carmel. Why do you think Elisha went there? (1 Kings 18:16-39)

Elisha & Joram (or Jehoram) - King of Israel - 2 Kings 3

10. What information is given about Joram? (vs. 1-3)
11. The writer of Kings took a detour here to follow the life of Elisha. He will pick up the account of king Joram again in chapter 8. A man named Mesha is mentioned in 2 Kings 3:4. Who was he and what does it say about him?
12. What change occurred that set up this story? (vs. 5)
13. At this time, Jehoshaphat was still king of Judah. Joram sent word to Jehoshaphat asking for his help. Why? (2 Chronicles 20:1-4, 22)
14. How did Jehoshaphat answer Joram? (vs. 7)
15. Jehoshaphat asked Joram's advise on a route and was told to go through the desert of Edom. How did that go? (vs. 9-10)
16. What did Jehoshaphat ask Joram? (vs. 11a)
17. An officer of Israel volunteers the information that Elisha was with them. What else did he mention about the identity of Elisha? (2 Kings 3:11b)
18. What did Jehoshaphat say about Elisha? (vs. 12)
19. The three kings went to see Elisha. In answering the kings, which king did Elisha address and what did he say? (vs. 13a)

20. How did he answer Elisha? (vs. 13b)

21. With that surprising answer, Elisha agreed to assist them but why did he say he would help? (vs. 14)

22. What did Elisha say to the kings? (vs. 15-17)

23. What do you think the purpose of this was?

24. How difficult did Elisha say this would be? (vs. 18a)

25. Since God could do that, what else could He do? (vs. 18b)

26. What instructions did he give them following God's part in the battle? (vs. 19)

27. The next morning what happened? (vs. 20)

28. How did the Moabites view this? (vs. 21-23)

29. Describe what happened when the Moabites came into Israel's camp. (vs. 24)

30. What was the reason this battle began? (vs. 4)

31. What did this rebellion cost the king of Moab? (vs. 24b, 25)

32. Ironically, what does it imply the king had left?

33. How did the king of Moab try to gain some advantage? (vs. 26)

34. When that failed, what was his last desperate attempt? Please comment. (vs. 27a)

35. When Israel came upon the scene, what laws of God should have gone through their minds? (Leviticus 18:21 & 20:3)

36. How did the battle end? (vs. 27b)