

Elijah - Learning to Resist the Devil

II Kings 1:1-18



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Introduction:

I. ELIJAH DELIVERS THE WORD OF GOD TO AHAZIAH (vs. 1-8)

A. Ahaziah's Fall and Foolishness (vs. 1-4)

"Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab."

"Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber which was in Samaria, and became ill."

"Go, inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I will recover from this sickness."

"the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite..."

"Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron?"

"You shall not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but you shall surely die."

"Then Elijah departed."

B. Ahaziah's Fury (vs. 5-8)

"Thus says the LORD, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are sending to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron?' "

"What kind of man was he who came up to meet you and spoke these words to you?" They answered him, "He was a hairy man with a leather girdle bound about his loins."

"It is Elijah the Tishbite."

II. AHAZIAH DEFIES THE WORD OF GOD (vs. 9-14)

A. Initial Attempt at Confrontation (vs. 9-10)

"Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him, and behold, he was sitting on the top of the hill."

"O man of God, the king says, 'Come down.' "

"If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty."

"Then fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty."

B. "Fool me twice..." (vs. 11-12)

"So he again sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty."

"Then the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty."

C. "Third time's the charm." (vs. 13-14)

"So he again sent the captain of a third fifty with his fifty."

“When the third captain of fifty went up, he came and bowed down on his knees before Elijah, and begged him and said to him, ‘O man of God, please let my life and the lives of these fifty servants of yours be precious in your sight.’”

III. AHAZIAH DIES ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF GOD (vs. 15-18)

A. Elijah is Commissioned to Go (vs. 15)

“The angel of the LORD said to Elijah...”

“Go down with him; do not be afraid of him.”

“So he arose and went down with him to the king.”

B. Ahaziah is Censured for His Sin (vs. 16)

“Thus says the LORD, ‘Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub...therefore you shall...surely die.’”

C. The Word of the LORD is Confirmed (vs. 17-18)

“So Ahaziah died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken.”

“because he had no son, Jehoram became king in his place in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah”

“Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?”

Conclusion:

- 1) God is displeased with *any* occult activity or involvement.
- 2) Your sin may well bring calamity on those around you.
- 3) All those who remain proud and unrepentant will one day face a fiery judgment.

THE KINGS OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH The Ministry of Elijah

Passage in Kings	Kings of Israel	Dates	Timeline B.C.	Dates	Kings of Judah	Passage in Kings
I Ki. 12:25 - 14:20	Jeroboam I (22 years)	930-909	930 925 920 915	930-913	Rehoboam (17 years)	I Ki. 12:1-24; 14:21-31
I Ki. 15:25-31	Nadab (2 years)	909-908	910	913-910	Abijah (3 years)	I Ki. 15:1-8
I Ki. 15:32 - 16:7	Baasha (24 years)	908-886	905 900 895 890	910-869	Asa (41 years)	I Ki. 15:9-24
I Ki. 16:8-14	Elah (2 years)	886-885	885			
I Ki. 16:15-20	Zimri (7 days)	885	885			
I Ki. 16:21-22	Tibni (coregency)	885-880	880			
I Ki. 16:23-28	Omri (coregency) (12 years total*)	(885-880) 885-874	875 870	(872-869) 872-848	Jehosaphat (coregency) (25 years total)	I Ki. 22:41-50
I Ki. 16:29 - 22:40	Ahab (22 years*)	874-853	865 860			
I Ki. 22:51 - II Ki. 1:18	Ahaziah (2 years*)	853-852	855	(853-848)	Jehoram (coregency)	II Ki. 8:16-24
II Ki. 1:17; 3:1 - 8:15	Joram (12 years*)	852-841	850 845	853-841 841	(8 years sole reign*) Ahaziah (1 year)	II Ki. 8:25-29; 9:29
II Ki. 9:30 - 10:36	Jehu (28 years)	841-814	840 835	841-835 835-796	Athaliah (7 years) Joash (40 years)	II Ki. 11:1-20 II Ki. 11:21-12:21

* due to “year of accession” accounting the actual time is c. 1 year less