

LORD OF THE KINGS

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7. **The King & the Prophet - The Faces of Good & Evil (Pt 1)** (Ahab & Elijah)

8. **The King & the Prophet - The Faces of Good & Evil (Pt 2)** (Ahab & Elijah)

9. **Jehoshaphat & “The Blessed & Only □□Potentate”** (Jehoshaphat)

This Week

10. **“The End of an Era & The Beginning of a New”** (Ahaziah, Elijah to Elisha)

1 Kings 22:51-53

* Ahaziah - Became King/Israel in 17th Yr of Jehoshaphat King/Judah; Reigned 2 Years;

* Did evil in the sight of the Lord, Ways/Father/Mother (Ahab/Jezebel) & Jeroboam

2 Kings 1

V1-8 – Ahaziah fell through lattice, sent messengers to Baal-Zebub; Elijah meets them

V9-14 – Three Captains/50

V15-18 – Elijah goes to tell Ahaziah he was going to die

* V15-16 – Do not be afraid of him...so he arose and went down to him

* V17 – So he died according to the word of the Lord which Elijah had spoken.

A – Oh, the confidence that we can have to GO, and Tell, according to the word of the Lord!

John 8:31-32 ³¹Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³²And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

2 Kings 2 – The End of an Era & the Beginning of a New

V1-8 – Elijah and Elisha traveling together (Gilgal, Bethel, Jericho, Jordan)

V9-11 – Elijah taken up

V12-18 – Elisha takes up the mantle, Parting/Crossing Jordan, men go to look for Elijah

V19-22 – Elisha healing the waters at Jericho

V23-25 – Elisha travels (Bethel, Mt. Carmel, Samaria)

1. Person of Elijah

* Elijah “taken up” – same word used for Enoch

Genesis 5:24²⁴And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God “took him.”

* Does Appear at Mt. of Transfiguration & During Tribulation

Luke 9:28-31²⁸Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. ³⁰And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Revelation 11:1-6 – The Two Witnesses (Call down fire – 1 Kings 18:36-38; 2 Kings 1:9-12)

A - Enoch = Dedicated; Elijah = My God is Jehovah – Both “Taken Up”!

1 Thessalonians 4:17¹⁷Then we who are alive and remain shall be “caught up” together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

2. The Power of Elijah

* Elisha’s Request/Receiving the Spirit of Elijah – Carrying on the ministry of miracles!

A – What about us?

James 5:17¹⁷Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 – The Distribution of Gifts by the Holy Spirit

1. Believe (in Jesus) –

Ephesians 1:13¹³In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

1 Corinthians 6:19¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

2. Ask –

Luke 11:11-13¹¹If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

3. Faith –

Matthew 17:20²⁰So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to

you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.