

Life Lessons from 2 Kings 1-2

Chapter 1

Observations **AHAZIAH & THE LORD OF THE FLIES**

1. Ahaziah = Lord Possesses

* Sends messengers to inquire of Baal-Zebub = Lord of the Flies

* Here is a man by name "God possesses" Creator/Universe; and he goes to inquire of the Lord of the FLIES!

2. Captains – Capt #1 - "Man of God – The KING has said; Capt #2 "Same/Quickly; Capt #3 - Man/God please

* Man of God yet bow to the king

3. Elijah – Heard & Obeded God, Called down fire to destroy followers of Baal - Just like Mt. Carmel

Life Lesson #1 **WHO DO WE BOW DOWN TO? (WHO/WHAT DO WE SERVE?)**

V13 – Key – Capt #3 fell on his knees before Elijah

* Ahaziah = "God Possesses" bowed down to Baal-Zebub = "Lord of the Flies" God/Ekron– Kidding me?!?!?!?

* Captain #1 & #2 "bowed down to King Ahaziah & His Lord – The Lord of the Flies"

* Captain #3 bowed down to the Man of God & His Lord – The Lord of Lords, King of Kings, God of gods

Application

* Who we bow down to is who we chose to serve with our life choices and actions and not our religion!

Read Psalm 95

Chapter 2

Observations **ELIJAH'S DEPARTURE**

V11 – Famous scene – Elijah and the Chariot of Fire!

* Get that famous Hymn - SWING LOW SWEET CHARIOT

* Is that the end of Elijah?

Life Lesson #2 **THE END OF ELIJAH?**

Malachi 4:5⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

Matthew 11:14¹⁴ And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come.

Luke 9:28-31²⁸ Now 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. ²⁹ As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. ³⁰ And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Revelation 11:1-6 – The Two Witnesses

Life Lesson #3 **TWO TOOLS, SAME POWER SOURCE**

* What do we mean by that?

* Two Tools – Elijah & Elisha – Instruments in the Lord's hands to accomplish his work

* Same Power Source? V9-10 – Elisha asked for a double portion of the Holy Spirit

* "We must have the aid of the Holy Spirit, for ours is not a mechanical religion." C.H. Spurgeon

* "There is a better life, a life in the power of the Holy Spirit." Andrew Murray

Acts 1:8⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Ephesians 5:17-18¹⁷ Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation (self indulgence); but be filled with the Spirit,

* **Luke 11:12** – Ask!

* Spiritual goals can only be accomplished by spiritual people who use spiritual methods. J. Oswald Sanders