

Life Lessons from 2 Kings 3-4

Chapter 3

Overview **The Lord Defeats Moab**

Observations

V1 – Jehoram, son of Ahab, became king over Israel in 18th year of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah

* 1:17 says, Because he (Ahaziah) had no son, Jehoram, became king in his place the 2nd year of Jehoram, son of Jehoshaphat, king of Israel

V2-3 – Not as bad as Ahab & Jezebel, but still worshipped false god, false religion, fooled the people

V7 – Are you kidding me??? Doesn't Jehoshaphat remember what happened in 1 Kings 22 w/Ahab/Syrians!

“Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.” Albert Einstein

V15 – Blessing of Worship!

Life Lesson #1 **A Simple Matter for the Lord**

V18 – And this is a simple matter in the sight of the LORD. (Providing Water for Men & Beast)

* He will also – deliver the Moabites into your hand!

Application **It's a Simple Matter for the Lord to:**

1. Meet our Physical Needs - **Philippians 4:19**¹⁹ And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

2. Meet our Spiritual Needs - **John 4:13-14**¹³ Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

3. Defeat our Enemy –

Romans 16:20²⁰ And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

1 Corinthians 15:20-26²⁶ The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.)

1 Corinthians 15:56-57⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Chapter 4

Overview **Elisha's Miracles No.2 – No. 5**

Observations

V1-7 – Very similar to Elijah's miracle of Widow's oil & flour (1Kings 17:8-16)

* Same: Basic situation, Multiplication of what was on hand, Faith in the Widows, Provision/God

V23 – “He worked; She worshipped”

* Unfortunately that is the way it is sometimes; But Look at the Walk of Faith She got to enjoy!

V27 – Elisha was not all knowing – all the time!

1 Corinthians 12:11¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

V33 – Elisha was a man of prayer!

Life Lesson #2 **Two Descriptions of Elisha (Are Really the Same)**

* Notice what term/title is used to describe Elisha in this Chapter? 11 times in 9 verses - Man of God

* Find most interesting about that? The description found in 2 Kings 3:11 “Elisha the son of Shaphat is here, who poured water on the hands of Elijah.”

1. Often we want God to do great things in us/for us/through us; Often we want the Title/Entitlements/Fruit First
 - * But we are not willing and completely happy to be the water boy – We want to be the star Quarterback
2. We don't think God wants to or can use us! Because....

Application

* The answer to both these positions is **1 Corinthians 1:26-31!**

Life Lesson #3 It's all God

- * Who worked the miracle of the Widow's Oil - God
- * Who worked the miracle of raising the Shunamite's son from the dead - God
- * Who worked the miracle of healing the poisonous pot of stew - God
- * Who worked the miracle of feeding the hundred plus men with 20 barley loaves and some grain - And had some left over - God

- * And it was Jesus who fed the 5,000 plus men with 5 barley loaves and 2 fish and John 6:13 says; ¹³Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.

- * And God did all those miracles through men and women just like you and I, to reveal Himself to man!

Application