

2 Kings 2

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2 And it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. (God transfigured Elijah and Enoch. They haven't died yet. They will return to face antichrist in the end of this age. Many people believe Moses was also transfigured and that he and Elijah will be the two witnesses who defy antichrist)

(Gilgal, Bethel, Jericho - the three schools of the prophets that Elijah had started)

² And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel.

³ And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. (These were students of Elijah)

⁴ And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho. (Elijah had a school for student prophets in Gilgal, Bethel and Jericho)

⁵ And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. (Elijah's coming transfiguration had been revealed to his students ahead of time)

⁶ And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on. (Elijah was a humble person and didn't want people seeing God honoring him by his ascension)

⁷ And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.

⁸ And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two

went over on dry ground. (Not in mud, but on dry ground. Like Moses did at the Red Sea)

⁹And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. Deuteronomy-21:17 (The right of a first born. Also the Elect will receive a double portion from God. Conversely the harlot Babylon will receive a double portion of God's wrath)

¹⁰And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. (Only God can grant this wish. If God let's Elisha see, then God will grant the wish)

¹¹And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. (Elijah had performed 8 miracles in God's Name; Elisha will perform 16)

(These chariots of fire were also seen by Ezekiel when God brought His throne to earth)

¹²And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. (The word father was also used to address a counselor or an adviser) (Having seen Elijah brought up; Elisha knew that God granted his wish)

¹³He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan; (By this time, Elisha had been studying under Elijah for 10 years)

¹⁴And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.

¹⁵And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

¹⁶And they said unto him, Behold now, there be with thy servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master: lest

peradventure the Spirit of the LORD hath taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, Ye shall not send. (They doubted that Elijah was gone; or maybe only his soul was gone and his body was dead; they would have given him a decent burial)

¹⁷ And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not. (Because Elijah was gone up wholly)

¹⁸ And when they came again to him, (for he tarried at Jericho,) he said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Go not?

¹⁹ And the men of the city said unto Elisha, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is naught, and the ground barren. (Nothing grew there)

²⁰ And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought it to him.

²¹ And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, Thus saith the LORD, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land.

²² So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spake. (God granted Elisha his second miracle)

²³ And he went up from thence unto Bethel: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head. (In Hebrew, these are young people; not truly children. Child means immature in the Hebrew) (In Genesis, Isaac was called a child when he was 28 years old; Rehoboam was called a child when he was 40; and many more examples)

(Since Jeroboam's reign, there was a golden calf in Bethel as an idol. Ahab had built a temple to Baal there as well. These are Baal worshippers, mocking Elisha and God. They're telling Elisha to go up as Elijah had done)

²⁴ And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them. Galatians-6:7 (God will not be mocked)

²⁵ And he went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence he returned to Samaria.