

- Recap of last week: Jezebel realizes Ahab wants a guy named Naboth's vineyard so she conspires to get it for him and succeeds. (I Kings 21:1-16) God sends the prophet Elijah to tell him about his punishment; he repents so God promises to execute the punishment during his son's reign instead of his. (I Kings 21:17-24) Ahab was the worst king yet, and was urged on his evil wife Jezebel. (I Kings 21:25-26) Jehoshaphat becomes king in the South. He is a good King who does a lot of great things, but the altars to other Gods are still not torn down. Toward the end of his life he also made an alliance with an evil king in the north and was punished for it by losing his navy. (I Kings 22:41-50) (2 Chronicles 17) (2 Chronicles 19) (2 Chronicles 20:31-35) Jehoshaphat forges a military alliance with the evil King Ahab in the north, they defy a prophet of God by going to fight and Ahab is killed. (I Kings 22)
- Lest you get confused in the lesson, there are two people named Ahazia. One is King in the South for about a year in or around 841BC and the other is King in the North for about two years around 843 and 842 B.C.
- In the 17th year of Jehoshaphat's reign in the South, Ahab dies in the North and his son Ahazia takes over. Ahazia caused Israel to sin and served the god Baal. (I Kings 22:51-53)
- Ahazia hurts himself by falling down. He sends messengers to ask Baal if he will recover. God tells Elijah to intercept these messengers and tell them to ask the king why he didn't consult the God of Israel and that he would not recover but die in his bed. (2 Kings 1:1-4)
- The messengers go back and give the King the message. He asks them what the person looks like and from their description he figures out it was Elijah. (2 Kings 1:5-8)
- Ahazia sends 50 military men to bring Elijah in. He calls down fire from God and they are burned up. Ahazia sends 50 more and the same thing happens. He sends 50 more and this time they plead for their life. (2 Kings 1:9-14)
- The third time it happens the angel of the Lord tells Elijah to go with them. Elijah does and delivers the message to Ahazia. (2 Kings 1:14-16)
- Ahazia did not have a son, so he was succeeded by a guy named Joram who was his brother (or at least half-brother by King Ahab). (2 Kings 1:17) (2 Kings 8:25-29)
- Elijah and Elisha were travelling together and the first two times Elijah tells Elisha to wait for him while he goes to another place (first Bethel and then Jericho) and each time Elisha insists on coming with him. Each time prophets come and tell Elisha that the Lord is going to take Elijah and each time he responds with a "I know, be quiet." (2 Kings 2:1-5)
- The third time it happens (on the way to Jordan), 50 prophets come out but they don't say anything. They just watch as Elijah uses his robe to hit the Red Sea and it parts so Elijah and Elisha can cross together. (2 Kings 2:6-8)
- Elisha asks Elijah for a double portion of his spirit. Elijah says that is hard but if you are witness to my ascension you will get it. As they are walking and talking Elisha get separated from Elijah by a chariot of fire drawn by horses of fire, and sees Elijah taken up in a whirlwind. Elisha tears his garment in two at the site, but takes Elijah's garment which was left behind, and uses that to part the Red Sea and go back where he came from. (2 Kings 2:9-14)
- The prophets see Elisha and want to send 50 men to look for Elijah in case he is still out there somewhere. Elisha is reluctant but they send them anyway and find nothing and Elisha says he told them so. (2 Kings 2:15-17)
- Elisha's first miracle appears to be healing a well that was yielding bad water by pouring salt in it and it started producing good water. (2 Kings 2:18-22)

- Next Elisha is on the road and a lot of young boys come out and taunt him for being bald. Elisha called a curse of God down on them and 42 of them were mauled by a couple of bears. (2 Kings 2:19-25)
- In the North, Joram (who succeeded Ahazia) was a bad King but not as bad as his father Ahab (Jezebel's) husband was. He at least took out the altar to Baal, even though he did not give up idol worship to turn people back to God. (2 King 3: 1-3)
- The King of Moab used to pay tribute to the King of Israel but the King of the Moabites revolted so Ahazia asks Jehoshaphat for help and he gives it to him so they march out to war together. (2 King 3: 4-8)
- The armies of Judah, Israel and Edom (who were helping them too) ran out of water to drink. Jehoshaphat asks for a prophet of God to find out what they should do. Elisha is summoned and he tells them God will provide water in the brooks without sending any rain. Further, he tells them that they will be victorious against Moab. (2 King 3: 9-20)
- The next day the Moabite army sees the water and thinks it is blood and infers that the armies have turned on each other. They think they are going to win so they attack and lose badly. (2 King 3: 21-26)
- The beloved and good king Jehoshaphat finally dies in the South and is succeed by his son Jehoram who was 32 years old when he came king and he ruled for eight years. (2 Chronicles 21:1-5)
- Jehoram was a bad king and followed evil ways but for David's sake God was still unwilling to take the Kingdom away. (2 Chronicles 21:6-7)
- A bunch of different lands revolt against Jehoram. Elisha tells him the God is going to punish him for his evil ways. The Philistines invade and carry off almost everything. Jehoram get a disease of the bowels, dies painfully, and no one is sad to see him go. (2 Chronicles 21:8-20)

Questions

1. How did King Ahazia hurt himself?
2. Who does King Ahazia first try to consult to determine if he will recover?
3. What does Elijah say to King Ahazia's messengers?
4. How many waves of military men does King Ahazia send after Elijah?
5. How many men are in each wave that King Ahazia sends?
6. What happens to the first groups of men that King Ahazia sends after Elijah?
7. Why is the last group of men that King Ahazia sends spared?
8. What does Elijah tell King Ahazia about his recovery?
9. Who succeeds King Ahazia?
10. Why doesn't King Ahazia's son succeed him?
11. Why is Elisha always with Elijah?
12. What do the prophets at Bethel and Jericho tell Elisha?
13. What does Elisha ask of Elijah?
14. How do Elisha and Elijah cross the Red Sea?
15. How are Elisha and Elijah separated?
16. How does Elijah disappear from Elisha's sight?
17. What does Elisha do for his first miracle?
18. Why do young boys tease Elisha?

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19. What happens to the young boys who tease Elisha?
20. How do the armies of the Lord get water according to Elisha?
21. When the armies of Moab see the water what do they think it is and what do they suppose has happened?
22. How does Jehoram die?