



THE BOOK OF

# II KINGS



## Sermon Series Notes

### “Consequences & Confrontation of Sin & Rebellion” (II Kings 1-2)

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Intro: I Kings 22:51-53; I do not want God angry with me; Jesus and the moneychangers; Matthew 23; Hebrews 10:31; Psalm 2:12.

#### II Kings 1

1:1 Moab was a long time enemy of Israel. Moab was the son of Lot’s oldest daughter, conceived right after the destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah through an incestuous relationship with her father. The younger daughter also had an incestuous relationship with her father, and the fruit of that was a son named Ben-Ammi, who became the father of Ammonites, also future enemies of Israel (Gen.19:36-38).

v.2 How many have been humbled & turned to the Lord as the result of an injury or some other calamity? But this is not always the case. See Amos 4:6-12.

This was a Syrian false god whose real name was Baal-zebul (“Lord of life”), but the Jews called him Baal-zebul (“Lord of flies”) in derision.

v.3 The angel of the Lord is Christ in the OT.

v.4 A clear message from God through Elijah – As a result of your decision to reject the Lord and seek help from Baal-Zebub, you are going to die. And when he dies, he will die “in his sins.” See John 8:21-24. If one dies in his sin, he will have to pay the punishment for his sin, and that is hell!

This is not the only time leaders & people in Israel sought help from sources other than the Lord; Saul & the witch at Endor (I Samuel 28:3-18); Asa (II Chron.14:2-6, 9-13a; 16:1-12);

Ahaz (II Kings 16:7-9a; Isa.7); Hezekiah & Egypt (II Kings 18:21; Isa.30:1-5); Zedekiah & Egypt (Jeremiah 37/Ezekiel 30:20-26).

Why would they so easily seek help from false gods like Baal-Zebub, or from other nations, etc.? No faith, sin & rebellion, & because foreign gods allowed them to feed their fleshly desires (Numbers 25; I Kings 14:24). When someone turns to the Lord, they turn away from sin, and from the ways of the world, etc.

When a godly king came to power, they would begin to clean up the pagan practices that had become so pervasive (I Kings 15:11-13; 22:38, 46; II Kings 23:6-7).

What we need are brave, bold, men and women of God who will confront wickedness in our land. And may the Lord as a result raise up godly leaders who will remove wickedness from the land.

vv.5-8 He is not happy to hear that this was Elijah. He has no respect for Elijah, and probably felt the same about him that his father Ahab had felt, the same as his mother Jezebel had felt.

Pause with me and think about Ahaziah's attitude toward Elijah. Elijah had performed miracles, and one of the most recent and greatest was when God answered him by fire on Mt. Carmel. But despite all this evidence that he is God's representative, Ahaziah has absolutely no respect for him, and probably wants him dead.

For those predisposed toward an evil path, no amount of evidence contrary to their desires will make a difference. See John 14:11; 10:38.

vv.9-10 Whoa! These men have no respect for God's man, and it has fatal consequences. See Rev.11:5 (context).

vv.11-12 Stupid is as stupid does.

vv.13-14 One smart man!

vv.15-17a I wonder how many people have suffered needlessly and even died prematurely all because they would not repent and seek the Lord? King Saul, Balaam, the people of Jericho, the people who died on 9/11. What a gracious thing for the Lord to warn Ahaziah ahead of time that he is going to die from this injury.

People who do not respect (and listen to) men of God who speak the Word of God will one day suffer the consequences of their rebellion.

Pharaoh

Balaam ignored God's Word and was destroyed when God defeated the Midianites (Num.31:8).

Uzziah ignored the voices of 80 courageous priests and ended up leprous and in seclusion (II Chron.26).

God repeatedly sent prophets, and the people would not listen to them; See Isa.28:12; Jer.17:23; 19:15; 32:33; Ezek.20:8; Zech.1:4; 7:12-13; Psalm 81:11.

I am still amazed at all who rejected Jesus Himself despite the abundant evidence given as to Who He really is!

Who has the Lord sent to speak to you, to rebuke you? Are you listening?

15:17b-18 Joram was Ahaziah's brother.

2:1-12 The tearing of his clothes was an act of mourning. Even though Elijah did not die, he is still gone, & Elisha is left to carry on the ministry. Can you imagine filling those ministry shoes?

Many believe Elijah will literally return just prior to the second coming of Christ. See Malachi 4:5-6; Rev.11:3-6.

2:13-14 So Elisha succeeds Elijah in ministry. And he saw Elijah taken from him, a sign that he had received a double portion of his spirit. Twice as many miracles are recorded in Elisha's ministry as compared to Elijah.

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2:19-22 There's a new sheriff in town, and he is twice as anointed as the previous one! I pray the one who takes over for me is twice as anointed. Oh Lord, do this I pray.

2:23-25 This is quite revealing – Elisha was bald. I like that! Chuck Smith was bald.

Despite the double anointing on Elisha, there is opposition to him and his ministry. And there will always be opposition. I long for a revival among the younger generation, but we live in a culture where the younger generation is moving away from the ancient boundary stones laid down in the Word of God. It will be difficult for anointed men and women of God to minister in days to come. I pray that the Lord gives the church men and women of godly character, deep biblical conviction, and fearless resolve.

I Timothy 4:12-14; II Tim.1:3-8; 4:1-5; Timothy went through struggles just like Elijah, and just like Elisha. Elijah ended up in a cave, and it appeared he did not intend to come back out of the cave. Thank God he did, because he inspired a young man named Elisha, and Elisha would inspire others.

## CONCLUSION

- Who do you seek help from when injured or in need?
  - Could it be your injury/calamity in life is an opportunity to humble yourself, repent, get right with God? See I Cor.11:29-32.
  
- Are you on a path toward suffering unnecessary consequences as a result of your rejection of truth & unwillingness to repent?
  
- Do you show respect for the Word of God, & the men & women speaking the Word to you?
  - We recently had two people in our fellowship who were counseled clearly by many pastors & leaders, chose to reject that counsel, and now I believe will suffer the consequences. I grieve deeply for both of them.
  
- Are you standing for truth, despite perhaps being a minority, jeered by the crowd, and opposed by people in power?