

2 KINGS 2 vs 1

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The first and second books of the kings originally were one book, which Jewish tradition credits to the prophet Jeremiah. The subject follows the successes and failures of the kings of both Judah and Israel. This second book of kings follows the decline of **Israel** leading up to their captivity in Syria; and 170 years later, to the decline of **Judah** leading up to their captivity in Babylon.

Elijah is taken to heaven in a whirlwind,

¹ And it happened, when the LORD was to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

² And Elijah said to Elisha, Stay here please; for the LORD has sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said to him, As the LORD lives, and while you live, I will not leave you. So they went down to Bethel.

³ And the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said to him, Do you not know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today? And he said, Yes, I know it; be quiet.

⁴ And Elijah said to him, Elisha, Stay here please; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD lives, and while you live, I will not leave you. So they went to Jericho.

⁵ And the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said to him, Do you not know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today? And he answered, Yes, I know it; be quiet.

⁶ And Elijah said to him, Stay here please; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan. And he said, As the LORD lives, and while you live, I will not leave you. And they both went on.

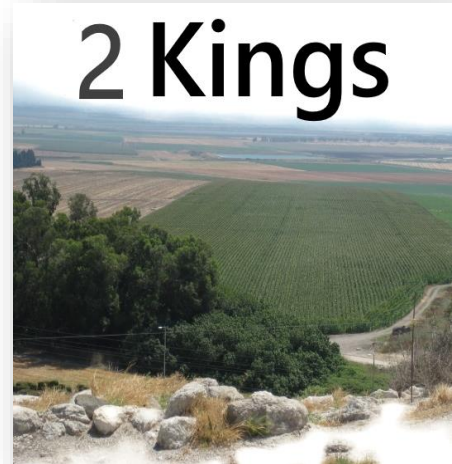
⁷ And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood afar off to watch: while they both stood by the Jordan.

⁸ And Elijah took his mantle, and folded it together, and struck the water, and they were divided here and there, so that they both crossed over on dry ground.

⁹ And it happened, when they crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, Ask what I will do for you, before I am taken away from you.

And Elisha said, Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.

¹⁰ And he said, You have asked a hard thing: if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be so to you; but if not, it will not be so.



¹¹ Then it happened, as they still went on, and talked, that behold, **a chariot of fire**, and horses of fire separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

¹² And Elisha saw it, and cried out, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and its horsemen. And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes, and ripped them in two pieces.

¹³ He also took up the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and returned, and stood by the bank of the Jordan;

¹⁴ and he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and struck the waters, and said, Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah? And when he struck the waters, they also separated here and there: and Elisha crossed over.

¹⁵ Now when the sons of the prophets who were from Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

¹⁶ And they said to him, Behold now, there are with your servants fifty strong men; indeed let them go, and search for your master: perhaps the Spirit of the LORD has taken him up, and tossed him on some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, You will not send.

¹⁷ But they urged him till he was sorry, and he said, Go ahead, send. So they sent fifty men; and they searched three days, but did not find him.

¹⁸ And when they returned to him, (for he stayed at Jericho,) he said to them, Did I not say to you, do not go?

¹⁹ Then the men of the city said to Elisha, Behold now, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees: but the water is bad, and the land is unproductive.

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

²¹ And he went out to the spring of water, and threw salt in it and said, Thus says the LORD, I have clean these waters; there will not be from there death or barren soil any longer.

²² So the waters were clean to this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spoke.

²³ And he went up from there to Bethel:

and as he was going up by the way, there came forth a bunch of young men from the city, and mocked him, and said to him, Go up, you baldhead; go up, you baldhead.

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²⁴ **And when he looked behind him / having ignored this ignorant mob of lawless lowlifes thus far, and he looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD.**

And there came forth two female bears from the woods, and ripped up 42 of them.

²⁵ **And he went from there to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.**

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