

CROWN ME! #22:

“More or Less?!”

II Kings 2:1-18 (Continued)

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**I. ELISHA APPEARS
TO HAVE EXPERIENCED
A GREAT MANY MORE
MINISTRY YEARS
THAN DID ELIJAH**

As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more.

II Kings 2:11-12

**“WHEN WE GET TO
HEAVEN, GOD WILL
LOOK US OVER, NOT FOR
DIPLOMAS, AWARDS,
AND CERTIFICATES,
BUT FOR SCARS!”**

**II. ELISHA APPEARS
TO HAVE PERFORMED
A GREAT MANY MORE
MIRACULOUS DEEDS
THAN DID ELIJAH**

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them apart. He picked up the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. Then he took the cloak that had fallen from him and struck the water with it. "Where now is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" he asked.

When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over. The company of the prophets from Jericho, who were watching, said, "The spirit of Elijah is resting on Elisha." And they went to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

II Kings 2:12b-15

WE SEE 14 MIRACLES IN THE CAREER OF ELIJAH:

- 1) Causing the rain to cease for 3 1/2 years (1Ki 17:1)
- 2) Being fed by the ravens (1Ki 17:4)
- 3) Miracle of the barrel of meal and cruse of oil (1Ki 17:14)
- 4) Resurrection of the widow's son (1Ki 17:22)
- 5) Calling of fire from heaven on the altar (1Ki 18:38)
- 6) Causing it to rain (1Ki 18:45)
- 7) Prophecy that Ahab's sons would all be destroyed (1Ki 21:22)
- 8) Prophecy that Jezebel would be eaten by dogs (1Ki 21:23)
- 9) Prophecy that Ahaziah would die of his illness (2Ki 1:4)
- 10) Calling fire from heaven upon the first 50 soldiers (2Ki 1:10)
- 11) Calling fire from heaven upon the second 50 soldiers (2Ki 1:12)
- 12) Parting of the Jordan (2Ki 2:8)
- 13) Prophecy that Elisha to have a double portion of his spirit (2Ki 2:10)
- 14) Being caught up to heaven in a whirlwind (2Ki 2:11)

WE SEE 28 MIRACLES IN THE CAREER OF ELISHA:

- 1) Parting of the Jordan (2Ki 2:14)
- 2) Healing of the waters (2Ki 2:21)
- 3) Curse of the she bears (2Ki 2:24)
- 4) Filling of the valley with water (2Ki 3:17)
- 5) Deception of the Moabites with the valley of blood (2Ki 3:22)
- 6) Miracle of the vessels of oil (2Ki 4:4)
- 7) Prophecy that the Shunammite woman would have a son (2Ki 4:16)
- 8) Resurrection of the Shunammite's son (2Ki 4:34)
- 9) Healing of the gourds (2Ki 4:41)
- 10) Miracle of the bread (2Ki 4:43)
- 11) Healing of Naaman (2Ki 5:14)
- 12) Perception of Gehazi's transgression (2Ki 5:26)
- 13) Cursing Gehazi with leprosy (2Ki 5:27)
- 14) Floating of the axe head (2Ki 6:6)

WE SEE 28 MIRACLES IN THE CAREER OF ELISHA:

- 15) Prophecy of the Syrian battle plans (2Ki 6:9)
- 16) Vision of the chariots (2Ki 6:17)
- 17) Smiting the Syrian army with blindness (2Ki 6:18)
- 18) Restoring the sight of the Syrian army (2Ki 6:20)
- 19) Prophecy of the end of the great famine (2Ki 7:1)
- 20) Prophecy that the scoffing nobleman would see, but not partake of, the abundance (2Ki 7:2)
- 21) Deception of the Syrians with the sound of chariots (2Ki 7:6)
- 22) Prophecy of the seven-year famine (2Ki 8:1)
- 23) Prophecy of Benhadad's untimely death (2Ki 8:10)
- 24) Prophecy of Hazael's cruelty to Israel (2Ki 8:12)
- 25) Prophecy that Jehu would smite the house of Ahab (2Ki 9:7)
- 26) Prophecy that Joash would smite the Syrians at Aphek (2Ki 13:17)
- 27) Prophecy that Joash would smite Syria thrice but not consume it (2Ki 13:19)
- 28) Resurrection of the man touched by his bones (2Ki 13:21)

**III. ELISHA APPEARS
TO HAVE RECEIVED
A GREAT DEAL LESS
RECOGNITION
THAN DID ELIJAH**

"Look," they said, "we your servants have fifty able men. Let them go and look for your master. Perhaps the Spirit of the LORD has picked him up and set him down on some mountain or in some valley."

II Kings 2:16

**-ELIJAH IS MENTIONED
95 TIMES IN SCRIPTURE...**

**-HE IS REFERRED TO IN TEN
DIFFERENT BIBLICAL BOOKS...**

**-BY CONTRAST, ELISHA IS
MENTIONED ONLY 58 TIMES
IN SCRIPTURE...**

**-AND HE IS REFERRED TO IN
ONLY THREE DIFFERENT
BIBLICAL BOOKS...**

**-WHAT IS MORE, ELIJAH IS
MENTIONED 15 TIMES
IN THE NEW TESTAMENT...**

**-BUT ELISHA IS MENTIONED
ONLY ONCE, IN LUKE 4:27...**

**IV. ELISHA APPEARS
TO HAVE RECEIVED
A GREAT DEAL LESS
APPRECIATION
THAN DID ELIJAH**

"No," Elisha replied, "do not send them." But they persisted until he was too ashamed to refuse. So he said, "Send them." And they sent fifty men, who searched for three days but did not find him. When they returned to Elisha, who was staying in Jericho, he said to them, "Didn't I tell you not to go?"

II Kings 2:16c-18

The men of the city said to Elisha,
 “Look, our lord, this town is well
 situated, as you can see, but the water
 is bad and the land is unproductive.”
 “Bring me a new bowl,” he said, “and
 put salt in it.” So they brought it to him.
 Then he went out to the spring and
 threw the salt into it, saying,

“This is what the LORD says: ‘I have
 healed this water. Never again
 will it cause death or make the
 land unproductive.’” And the water
 has remained wholesome to this
 day, according to the word Elisha
 had spoken.

II Kings 2:19-22

From there Elisha went up to Bethel.
 As he was walking along the road,
 some youths came out of the town and
 jeered at him. “Go on up, you baldhead!”
 they said. “Go on up, you baldhead!” He
 turned around, looked at them and called

down a curse on them in the name of
 the LORD. Then two bears came out of
 the woods and mauled forty-two of the
 youths. And he went on to Mount Carmel
 and from there returned to Samaria.

II Kings 2:23-25

“Do not touch my anointed ones;
 do my prophets no harm.”

I Chronicles 16:22

“Do not touch my anointed ones;
 do my prophets no harm.”

Psalms 105:15

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been subjected to violence, and violent people have been raiding it. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

|| Matthew 11:11-15

FIVE MIRACLES OF JESUS REFLECTED IN THE MIRACLES OF ELISHA:

1. THE TRANSFORMATION OF MATTER

- Elisha turned a small amount of oil into an abundance in 2 Kings 4:1-7.
- Jesus turned water into wine in John 2:1-10.

2. THE MULTIPLICATION OF FOOD

- Elisha turned poison stew into good stew to feed a hungry group in 2 Kings 4:38-41, and fed a hundred men with twenty barley loaves and a few ears of corn in 2 Kings 4:42 and 43.
- Jesus fed 4,000 with a few fishes and loaves in Matthew 14:15-20, and 5,000 in Luke 16 and 17.

3. THE OBLITERATION OF DISEASE

- Elisha cured Naaman of Leprosy in 2 Kings 5:1-14.
- Jesus cured 10 lepers in Luke 17:11-19.

4. THE LEVITATION OF OBJECTS

- Elisha made an iron axe head float in 2 Kings 6:5-7.
- Jesus made himself and Peter to walk on water in John 6:19 and 20, and in Matthew 14:25-29.

5. THE RESTORATION OF LIFE

- Elisha brought the dead son of the Shunammite back to life in 2 Kings 4:33 thru 35.
- Jesus brought the daughter of a certain ruler back to life in Matthew 9:24 and 25, and also Lazarus in John 11:43.

(Both were preceded by a prayer.)