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# Chariots of Fire

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# What did we skip?

- Naboth's Vineyard
- Ahab's Judgement and Death
- Ahaziah's Judgement and Death

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A Elijah and Elisha depart for Bethel (1-2)

B Elijah and Elisha at Bethel (3-4)

C Elijah and Elisha at Jericho (5-6)

D The sons of the prophets watch as Elijah and  
Elisha cross the Jordan (7-8)

E Elisha's request and the translation of Elijah (9-12)

D' The sons of the prophets watch as Elisha  
crosses the Jordan (13-18)

C' Elisha at Jericho (19-22)

B' Elisha at Bethel (23-24)

A' Elisha departs from Bethel (25)

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## 2 Kings 2

<sup>1</sup> The time had come for the Lord to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elijah and Elisha were traveling from Gilgal, <sup>2</sup> and Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the Lord is sending me on to Bethel." But Elisha replied, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

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## 2 Kings 2

<sup>3</sup> Then the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha and said, “Do you know that the Lord will take your master away from you today?” He said, “Yes, I know. Be quiet.”

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## 2 Kings 2

<sup>4</sup> Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; the Lord is sending me to Jericho." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho. <sup>5</sup> Then the sons of the prophets who were in Jericho came up to Elisha and said, "Do you know that the Lord will take your master away from you today?" He said, "Yes, I know. Be quiet."

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## 2 Kings 2

<sup>6</sup> Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the Lord is sending me to the Jordan." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup> Fifty men from the sons of the prophets came and stood observing them at a distance while the two of them stood by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup> Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the water, which parted to the right and left. Then the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

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## 2 Kings 2

<sup>9</sup> When they had crossed over, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I can do for you before I am taken from you." So Elisha answered, "Please, let me inherit two shares of your spirit." <sup>10</sup> Elijah replied, "You have asked for something difficult. If you see me being taken from you, you will have it. If not, you won't."

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## 2 Kings 2

<sup>11</sup> As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire with horses of fire suddenly appeared and separated the two of them. Then Elijah went up into heaven in the whirlwind. <sup>12</sup> As Elisha watched, he kept crying out, “My father, my father, the chariots and horsemen of Israel!”

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## 2 Kings 2

When he could see him no longer, he took hold of his own clothes, tore them in two, <sup>13</sup> picked up the mantle that had fallen off Elijah, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup> He took the mantle Elijah had dropped, and he struck the water. "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" he asked. He struck the water himself, and it parted to the right and the left, and Elisha crossed over.

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## 2 Kings 2

<sup>15</sup> When the sons of the prophets from Jericho who were observing saw him, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." They came to meet him and bowed down to the ground in front of him.

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Death is not...

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Death is...

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Death is a journey with the Lord,  
for the Lord, to the Lord.

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...with the Lord...

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# Places

- Gilgal
- Bethel
- Jericho
- Jordan Valley

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# Sources of Strength and Peace

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# Sources of Strength and Peace

- Gilgal – Separation to Faith

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- Gilgal – Separation to Faith
- Bethel – Presence of God

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# Sources of Strength and Peace

- Gilgal – Separation to Faith
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- Jericho – The Faith Battles

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# Sources of Strength and Peace

- Gilgal – Separation to Faith
- Bethel – Presence of God
- Jericho – The Faith Battles
- Jordan Valley – Death Life

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...for the Lord...

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# Purpose in the End

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# Purpose in the End

- Look for people that you can witness to

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# Purpose in the End

- Look for people that you can witness to
- Look for people that you can encourage

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# Purpose in the End

- Look for people that you can witness to
- Look for people that you can encourage
- Look for people that you can bless

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...to the Lord...

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## 2 Corinthians 5

<sup>6</sup> So we are always confident and know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. <sup>7</sup> For we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> In fact, we are confident, and we would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

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# Luke 23

<sup>39</sup> Then one of the criminals hanging there began to yell insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other answered, rebuking him: “Don’t you even fear God, since you are undergoing the same punishment? <sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, because we’re getting back what we deserve for the things we did, but this man has done nothing wrong.”

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# Luke 23

<sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> And he said to him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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# Luke 16

<sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man who would dress in purple and fine linen, feasting lavishly every day. <sup>20</sup> But a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, was lying at his gate. <sup>21</sup> He longed to be filled with what fell from the rich man’s table, but instead the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup> One day the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried.

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# 1 Thessalonians 4

<sup>13</sup> We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, concerning those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, in the same way, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup> For we say this to you by a word from the Lord: We who are still alive at the Lord's coming will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

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# 1 Thessalonians 4

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the archangel's voice, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are still alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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# Philippians 3

<sup>7</sup> But everything that was a gain to me, I have considered to be a loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I also consider everything to be a loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Because of him I have suffered the loss of all things and consider them as dung, so that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him,

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# Philippians 3

not having a righteousness of my own from the law, but one that is through faith in Christ — the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> My goal is to know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, <sup>11</sup> assuming that I will somehow reach the resurrection from among the dead.

Faith Battles

Life and Death

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# Philippians 3

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already reached the goal or am already perfect, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it.

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# Philippians 3

But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Therefore, let all of us who are mature think this way. And if you think differently about anything, God will reveal this also to you.

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