

Can I have seconds?

2 Kings 2

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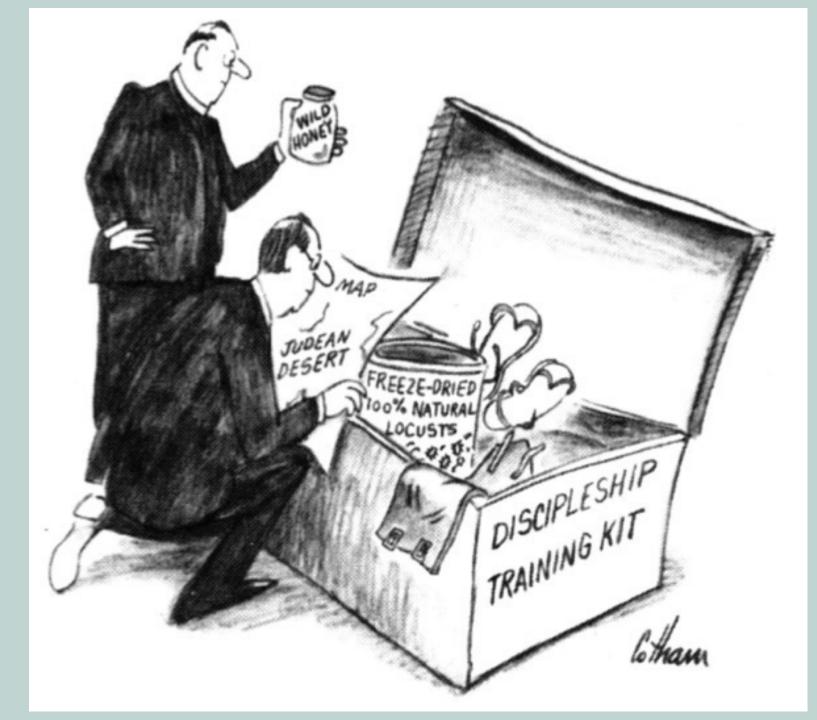




"Too many who train are afraid the student will pass them by – I am afraid they won't !"

Map: Judean Wilderness Can: Freeze-dried Locust Jar: Wild Honey Clothes: Hairy Cape? Shoes: Sandals

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2 Kings 2:1 And it came about when the LORD was about to take up Elijah by a whirlwind to heaven, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

2 Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here please, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

3 Then the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?" And he said, "Yes, I know; be still."

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4 Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho.

5 The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be still."

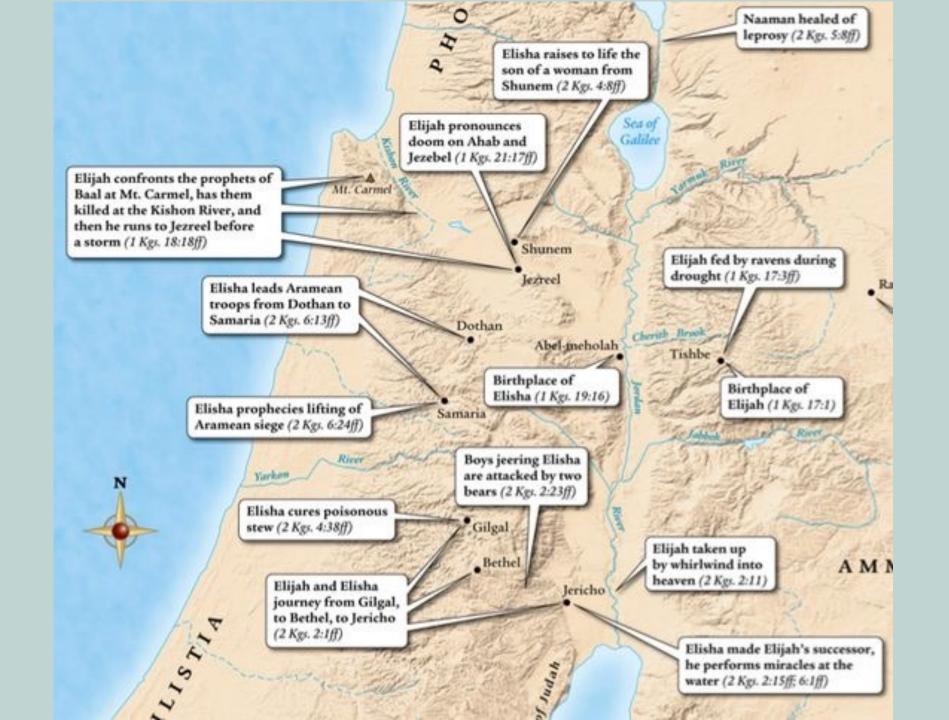
6 Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." And he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

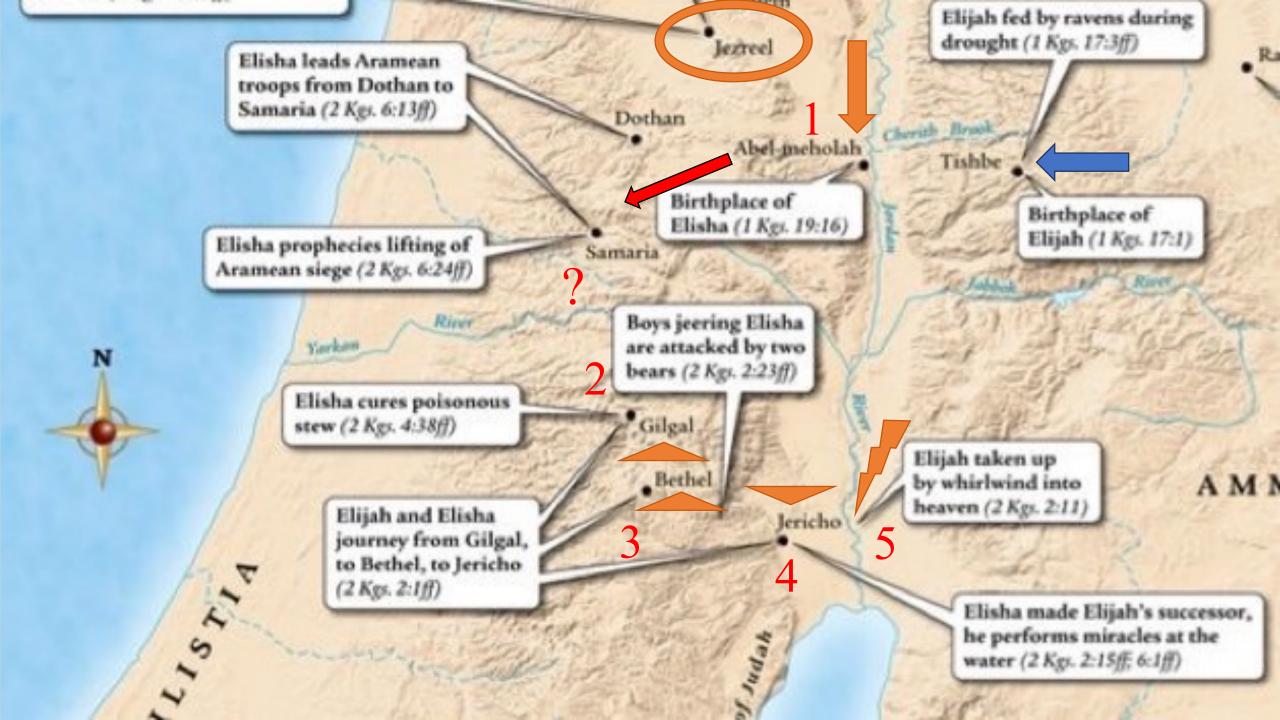
7 Now fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood opposite them at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan.

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8 Elijah took his mantle and folded it together and struck the waters, and they were divided here and there, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

Gilgal, where they had been, is in the Jordan Valley, 845 feet below sea level. Elijah and Elisha are climbing up into the hills on their way to Bethel 2,825 feet above sea level!





Elisha's Resolve 1-8 • Opportunities – Gilgal, Bethel, Jericho, Jordan • Beginnings – Dreams – Victories – Miracles • Opposition – 'sons of the prophets' 3X (v.3,5,7) • Obstacles – Elijah did not seem encouraging? • 'stay here' – 'stay here' – 'stay here' • Vss. 2,4,6 – Jordan River on edge! Walk WITH 11/0

"Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me." (Ruth 1:16--17) Walk WITH ///e

"God isn't looking for people of great faith, but for individuals ready to follow Him" Hudson Taylor

2 Kings 2:9 When they had crossed over, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me."

10 He said, "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so."

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Dt 21:17 "...but he shall acknowledge the firstborn, the son of the unloved, by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he is the firstfruits of his strength. The right of the firstborn is his."

Elisha's Request 9-10

• Content – double portion to continue serving! • Great Faith – Great Obedience – Great Courage • Character – 'hard thing' – Big Ask = Big Job! • Condition – 'don't quit!' 'shortcuts make long delays!' Tolkien

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"The question is not 'will I die?" — the question is 'will I die doing God's will?"

2 Kings 2:11 As they were going along and talking, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire and horses of fire which separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind to heaven.

12 Elisha saw it and cried out, "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw Elijah no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore 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 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 also had struck the waters, they were divided here and there; and Elisha crossed over.

Elisha's Response 11-14

Elisha watched the Miracle (Joshua & Moses)
Elisha wore the Mantle
Elisha continued the Mission

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An Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words W. E. Vine

"The will of God - nothing less, nothing more, nothing else." F. E. Marsh

"I want my heart broken for what breaks God's heart!"



"As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, '<u>Stay with us</u>!" Luke 24

HOW FAR DO YOU WANT TO GO? • Double Blessing – Double Responsibility! •Will you test God? • Will you pursue without limit? • Will you take the 'hard' task?

"Not called? I would say you are not listening!"

"I believe that in each generation God has called enough men and women to evangelize all the yet unreached tribes of the earth. It is not God who does not call. It is man who will not respond!" Isobel Kuhn, missionary China & Thailand Walk WITH 1/10

