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The ministry of Elisha 2 Kings 2:19-13:20

- Inquired of God for Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, and Jehoram, king of Israel in their military campaign against Moab
 - Jehoram another son of Ahab and Jezebel became king of Israel in the 18th year of Jehoshaphat. (Jehoram, son of Jehoshaphat, was at that time a co-regent with his father. This helps explain 2 Kings 1:17 as compared to 2 Kings 3:1)

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- Inquired of God for Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, and Jehoram, king of Israel in their military campaign against Moab
 - Jehoram did not follow the practices of Baal worship but did continue the idolatrous practices of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

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 - At the death of Ahab, Mesha, king of Moab rebelled against Israel by stopping the payment of required tribute.

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- Inquired of God for Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, and Jehoram, king of Israel in their military campaign against Moab
 - Jehoram asked Jehoshaphat to join forces with him in the military campaign against Moab to which Jehoshaphat agreed. (see 2 Chronicles 19:1-2;20:35-37)
 - A long circuitous march that left them in a place with no water prompted a call for an inquiry to Yahweh.

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 - A servant noted that Elisha was in that area and he was approached by these kings.
 - Elisha rebuked the king of Israel and indicated that Jehoshaphat's presence was the only reason he would participate. (Note the statement "these three kings" includes the king of Edom who joined them in this campaign.)

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 - Elisha gave the word of God that water would appear in the streams although they would witness no rain or wind and the Moabites would be defeated.

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 - The Moabites mistook the sun shining on the water and probably the reddish tint of the water as blood and assumed that these armies had turned on each other. (See 2 Chronicles 20:22-25)

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 - They hurried to plunder bodies of the fallen and the armies of Israel and Judah attacked and defeated them.
 - The king of Moab tried to break through with 700 swordsmen but was not successful.

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 - A servant noted that Elisha was in that area and he was approached by these kings.
 - The king of Moab then offered his oldest son as a burnt offering which revolted the Israelites.

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Lessons

- Although we are powerfully influenced by the values and actions of our parents, we can choose another path.
- Culture and tradition must always be evaluated by God's instruction.
- Don't wait until you are in trouble to consult with God.
- Don't hesitate to consult with God in times of distress.

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Lessons

- Our set of beliefs, worldview, drives actions.
