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The reign of Ahaziah son of Ahab in Israel. 1 Kings 51-2 Kings 1:18

- Ahaziah, the son of Ahab and Jezebel, continued his parents' idolatrous and evil ways.
- Moab ended their subjugation to Israel after Ahab's death.

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- Ahaziah suffered a serious injury
 - Sent messengers to inquire of the pagan god Baal-zebub as to whether he would recover
 - The messengers were intercepted by Elijah by the command of Yahweh with the rebuke for this idolatrous inquiry and the message that Ahaziah would die from his injuries.

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- Ahaziah suffered a serious injury
 - The messengers immediately returned and related the encounter with Elijah and the message.
 - Ahaziah realized this was Elijah by their description.

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- Ahaziah suffered a serious injury
 - Ahaziah sent a military detachment to arrest Elijah.
 - Fire came down from heaven and consumed the first two companies.
 - The third commander approached Elijah fearfully and humbly and God instructed Elijah to go with him.
 - Elijah delivered God's message to Ahaziah in person.

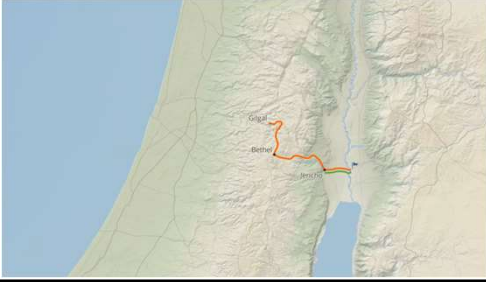
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- Ahaziah died as indicated after reigning for two years.
- Jehoram, his brother, became king in his place since Ahaziah had no son.

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- The final days of Elijah 2 Kings 2:1-12
 - Elisha, knowing that Elijah's time of departure was at hand, refused to leave his side.
 - At every stop the fact of Elijah's coming departure was confirmed by the "sons of the prophets".
 - Elijah parted the water of the Jordan by striking it with his cloak.

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- The final days of Elijah 2 Kings 2:1-12
 - Elijah invited a request from Elisha before his departure and Elisha asked for a double portion of Elijah's spirit to come on him.
 - Elijah indicated that this would be granted if Elisha witnessed his departure.
 - They were soon separated by chariots of fire and horses of fire.
 - Elijah was taken up in a whirlwind.

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- The final days of Elijah 2 Kings 2:1-12
 - Elisha took up the cloak that had fallen from Elijah.
 - He struck the Jordan with the cloak and the water parted again so he could cross over.
 - The sons of the prophet recognized now that Elisha was the successor of Elijah.

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- The final days of Elijah 2 Kings 2:1-12
 - They pressed Elisha to let them go and look to see if the whirlwind had deposited Elijah somewhere in the area.
 - Reluctantly Elisha consented and chided them when they came back without finding a trace of him.

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The final days of Elijah and the ministry of Elisha. 2 Kings 2:1-13:20

- The ministry of Elisha 2 Kings 2:19-13:20
 - Healing of the water at Jericho 2:19-22
 - Judgment on a mob at their threatening disrespect of Yahweh's prophet Elisha as he traveled back to Samaria via Bethel and Mount Carmel 2:23-25

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Lessons

- A natural tendency is for children to perpetuate the faith of their parents.
- Nothing escapes the notice of the one true and living God.
- God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. (1 Peter 5:5)
- Engage in activity that will position you to experience God at work.

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Lessons

- Have confidence that “it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.” (Philippians 2:13, ESV)
- God affirms and defends.

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