

2 Kings 2:1-25 **Elijah Ascends to Heaven – Elisha performs miracles**

Elijah taken up into Heaven – Spirit of Elijah discerned upon Elisha

¹ And it came to pass, when the Lord was about to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. ² Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please, for the Lord has sent me on to Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they went down to Bethel.

³ Now 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; keep silent!"

⁴ Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, please, for the Lord has sent me on to Jericho."

But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they came to Jericho.

⁵ Now the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the Lord will take away your master from over you today?"

So he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent!"

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please, for the Lord has sent me on to the Jordan."

But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So the two of them went on.

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

⁸ Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

⁹ And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?"

Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me."

¹⁰ So 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."

¹¹ Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

¹² And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!" So he saw him no more.

And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces. ¹³ He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over.

15 Now when the sons of the prophets who were from Jericho saw him, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him, and bowed to the ground before him. 16 Then they said to him, "Look now, there are fifty strong men with your servants. Please let them go and search for your master, lest perhaps the Spirit of the Lord has taken him up and cast him upon some mountain or into some valley."

And he said, "You shall not send anyone."

17 But when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, "Send them!" Therefore they sent fifty men, and they searched for three days but did not find him. 18 And when they came back to him, for he had stayed in Jericho, he said to them, "Did I not say to you, 'Do not go'?"

Elisha Performs Miracles – Water Healed – Bears mauled 42 youths who taunted Elisha

19 Then the men of the city said to Elisha, "Please notice, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees; but the water is bad, and the ground barren."

20 And he said, "Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it." So they brought it to him. 21 Then he went out to the source of the water, and cast in the salt there, and said, "Thus says the Lord: 'I have healed this water; from it there shall be no more death or barrenness.'" 22 So the water remains healed to this day, according to the word of Elisha which he spoke.

23 Then he went up from there to Bethel; and as he was going up the road, some youths came from the city and mocked him, and said to him, "Go up, you baldhead! Go up, you baldhead!"

24 So he turned around and looked at them, and pronounced a curse on them in the name of the Lord. And two female bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the youths.

25 Then he went from there to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.
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Facts Revealed:

Elijah taken up into Heaven – Spirit of Elijah discerned upon Elisha [2 Kings 2:1-18]

- ✧ Both Elijah and Elisha knew that Elijah would be taken up to Heaven by a whirlwind.
- ✧ At Gilgal Elijah told Elisha to stay for Yahweh had sent him on to Bethel, Elisha insisted on going with Elijah.
- ✧ They traveled together southward from Gilgal to Bethel.
- ✧ Prophets at Bethel told Elisha that Yahweh would take Elijah away that very day.
- ✧ Elisha told them he knew that it would happen but to keep silent about it.
- ✧ Elijah told Elisha to stay at Bethel because Yahweh had sent him onto Jericho. Elisha insisted on going on with Elijah.
- ✧ Prophets at Jericho told Elisha that Elijah would be taken away that very day.
- ✧ Elisha told them he already knew it would happen, but to keep silent.
- ✧ Elijah told Elisha to stay at Jericho because Yahweh had sent him on to the Jordan River. Elisha insisted on going on with Elijah.
- ✧ 50 men of the sons of the prophets stood watching them from a distance while they stood by the Jordan River.
- ✧ Elijah struck the water and it parted allowing them to cross on dry ground.
- ✧ East of the Jordan, Elijah asked Elisha what he could do for him before he is taken away.

- ✧ Elisha requested a double portion of Elijah's spirit.
- ✧ Elijah said, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you.
- ✧ They were parted by a chariot of fire and horses of fire.
- ✧ Elisha saw Elijah taken up in a whirlwind.
- ✧ Elisha did not feel any spirit enter him, so he tore his own cloths into two pieces.
- ✧ Elijah's mantle had fallen from him as he went up in the whirlwind, and Elisha picked it up and returned to the Jordan River where he struck the water with Elijah's mantle asking "Where is the Yahweh Elohiym of Elijah," and the water divided and he crossed over on dry ground.
- ✧ This became evidence that the spirit of Elijah had fallen on Elisha as he had requested.
- ✧ The 50 prophets watching, saw the whole thing and said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha. They came to meet Elisha and bowed before him.
- ✧ Then they wanted to send men to search for Elijah to see if he had fallen from the whirlwind, but Elisha said, "You shall not send anyone."
- ✧ They persisted and finally Elisha said, "Send them."
- ✧ Elisha went on and stayed in Jericho for three days until they gave up the search and told him they could not find Elijah. Elisha said, "Did I not say to you, Do not go?"

Elisha Performs Miracles – Water Healed – Bears mauled 42 youths who taunted Elisha – More evidence of the spirit on Elisha [\[2 Kings 2:19-25\]](#)

- ✧ The men of Jericho called Elisha's attention to the danger of their water supply. [\[2 Kings 2:19-22\]](#)
 - ✧ Elisha called for a bowl of salt, which he cast into the source of the water saying, "Thus says Yahweh, I have healed this water," and the water was healed from then on.
- ✧ Going from Jericho to Bethel, some youths from Jericho came up and mocked Elisha saying, "Go up, you bald head!"
 - ✧ Apparently they had also seen Elijah taken up and wanted the same for Elisha.
 - ✧ Elisha pronounced a curse on them in the Name of Yahweh, and two female bears attacked and mauled 42 of the youths.
- ✧ From Bethel Elisha went up to Mount Carmel, and then returned to Samaria.