

Week 11 Elijah the Prophet.

Wednesday Bible Study

An Evil Royal Son— Ahaziah 1 Kings 22:51— 2 Kings 1:18

1. A Troubled Start. 1 Kings 22:51-2 Kings 1:18

Ahaziah continues in his fathers disobedience to the LORD God. He followed the ways of his deceased father Ahab and his mother Jezebel. He aroused the anger of the LORD— Why? Because he continued to lead the people under his authority to disobey God. He simply doesn't believe. Sometimes we need to think of this in the context of individuals who carry the name Christian, but have a reputation for disobedience to God— It may be they just don't believe! (1 John 1:5-7)

Ahaziah seeks counsel from an evil source! Instead of going to those whom God has provided— who will tell them the truth— he seeks out someone who tell him what he wants to hear.



2. The LORD intervenes. 2 Kings 1:3-8

Now this should have been a stunning revelation to Ahaziah— How could Elijah had known what was going on? How could he know that the king was seeking counsel from Baal-Zebub unless God told him? Another witness to a king— that goes unheeded! Elijah is identified as the man by the king because of his clothing. (This is why many thought John the Baptist was actually Elijah! He wasn't Elijah but he came in the Spirit of Elijah (Luke 1:16,17; Matt. 3:4)

3. Fire From Heaven. 2 Kings 1:9-15

Ahaziah should have thought about what he was doing. Surely he knew what happened on Mt. Carmel. However he had the mindset of a Phoenician King. Like many gentile rulers today who believe they can do whatever they want. Like some professing Christians today- “I’m going to do whatever I want— you aren't going to tell me what to do. All must keep in mind, a day of reckoning is coming. (1 Peter 3:12)

4. Judgment Pronounced from God. 2 Kings 1:16-18

The offense to God is great. That the king of Israel would not consult the God of Israel is scandalous. He is justly punished by God and serves as king for two years. The one and only God is faithful— He will guide his people. God will be faithful to His people. Yet the kings of Israel continued to disobey and not seek His face. God’s people are to seek HIM for wisdom and counsel.

Psalm 1. What are some ways people walk with the wicked, stand in the way of sinners or sit in the company of mockers? What is the end of the wicked like?

1 John 4:1-6 In what practical ways should we apply these verses?

Deut. 18:9-13; Is. 47:13-14 Do you know of Christians who take part in these forbidden practices today? Why do you think they continue to be involved in them?

Where should God’s people get counsel? Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 119:24; Proverbs 1:1-7