

The Tsunami Blessing Inside and Out, Part 412 Scriptures

This is Section AAC of a multi-part instruction. Holy Spirit was first introduced in the book of Genesis as the Third Person of the Godhead, Elohim. Throughout the Old Testament, you can see the empowerment of Holy Spirit demonstrated. This fixes our focus, not on our own power or might, but by the Spirit of the Lord Most High. Holy Spirit fills us to overflowing so we can expect Him to come in like a flood to make miraculous changes in the world through us.

Holy Spirit supervened Mary's womb by impregnating her with Jesus. Our Heavenly Father, Abba anointed Jesus with Holy Spirit and dunamis power. Then Abba accompanied Jesus as He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed of the devil during His earthly ministry. Jesus baptizing you with Holy Spirit and the fire of God grants you an unfair advantage to fulfill your destiny on earth.

Jesus introduced Holy Spirit as the One to lead God's succession plan on earth after His ascension. Jesus commissioned the Body of Christ to do the same works He performed on earth giving us our invitation to inherit and inhabit His anointing. Jesus also promised the Body of Christ that greater works will even be performed because of the presence and power of Holy Spirit upon us so we are filled with the fullness of God. You are a habitation of God through Holy Spirit where Jesus Christ lives in your heart by faith. That's how the Tsunami Blessing, Inside and Out will become a heaven-born reality.

Elijah performed 8-14 miracles and his successor Elisha performed 16-28 miracles. Elisha asked Elijah will the double portion of Elijah's spirit, and it was granted to him before his death.

In the Holy Bible when something occurs for the first time, it sets a principle or paradigm for it to happen again. Jesus asked we would do the same miracles He performed as well as greater miracles because of the presence and power of Holy Spirit.

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PARTED JORDAN

2 Kings 2:8, Contemporary English Version

⁸ When they got there, Elijah took off his coat, then he rolled it up and struck the water with it. At once a path opened up through the river, and the two of them walked across on dry ground.

PARTED JORDAN

2 Kings 2:14, Contemporary English Version

¹⁴ He struck the water with the coat and wondered, "Will the LORD perform miracles for me as he did for Elijah?" As soon as Elisha did this, a dry path opened up through the water, and he walked across.

MIRACULOUS DEATH (CHARIOTS OF FIRE)

2 Kings 2:11, Contemporary English Version

¹¹ Elijah and Elisha were walking along and talking, when suddenly there appeared between them a flaming chariot pulled by fiery horses. At once, a strong wind took Elijah up into heaven.

MIRACLE AFTER DEATH (BONES RAISED DEAD MAN)

2 Kings 13:21, Contemporary English Version

²¹ Once, while some Israelites were burying a man's body, they saw a group of Moabites. The Israelites quickly threw the body into Elisha's tomb and ran away. As soon as the man's body touched the bones of Elisha, the man came back to life and stood up.

OTHER PRAYERS: FIRE ON MT. CARMEL

1 Kings 18:36-38, Contemporary English Version

³⁶ When it was time for the evening sacrifice, Elijah prayed: Our LORD, you are the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel. Now, prove that you are the God

of this nation,^[a] and that I, your servant, have done this at your command.
³⁷ Please answer me, so these people will know that you are the LORD God,
and that you will turn their hearts back to you.^[b] ³⁸ The LORD immediately
sent fire, and it burned up the sacrifice, the wood, and the stones. It
scorched the ground everywhere around the altar and dried up every drop of
water in the ditch.

Footnotes

- a. 18.36 *this nation*: Hebrew "Israel."
- b. 18.37 *will turn ... to you*: One possible meaning for the difficult Hebrew text.

OTHER PRAYERS: RAIN

1 Kings 18:41-46, Contemporary English Version

It Starts To Rain

⁴¹ Elijah told Ahab, "Get something to eat and drink. I hear a heavy rain coming." ⁴² Ahab left, but Elijah climbed back to the top of Mount Carmel. Then he stooped down with his face almost to the ground ⁴³ and said to his servant, "Look toward the sea." The servant left. And when he came back, he said, "I looked, but I didn't see anything." Elijah told him to look seven more times. ⁴⁴ After the seventh time the servant replied, "I see a small cloud coming this way. But it's no bigger than a fist." Elijah told him, "Tell Ahab to get his chariot ready and start home now. Otherwise, the rain will stop him." ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁶ A few minutes later, it got very cloudy and windy, and rain started pouring down. So Elijah wrapped his coat around himself, and the LORD gave him strength to run all the way to Jezreel. Ahab followed in his chariot.

OTHER PRAYERS: BLINDED ARAMEAN RAIDERS

2 Kings 6:8-23, Contemporary English Version

Elisha Stops an Invasion of the Syrian Army

⁸ Time after time, when the king of Syria was at war against the Israelites, he met with his officers and announced, "I've decided where we will set up camp." ⁹ Each time, Elisha^[a] would send this warning to the king of Israel: "Don't go near there. That's where the Syrian troops have set up camp."^[b] ¹⁰ So the king would warn the Israelite troops in that place to be on guard. ¹¹ The king of Syria was furious when he found out what was happening. He called in his officers and asked, "Which one of you has been telling the king of Israel our plans?" ¹² "None of us, Your Majesty," one of them answered. "It's an Israelite named Elisha. He's a prophet, so he can tell his king everything—even what you say in your own room." ¹³ "Find out where he is!" the king ordered. "I'll send soldiers to bring him here." They learned that Elisha was in the town of Dothan^[c] and reported it to the king. ¹⁴ He ordered his best troops to go there with horses and chariots. They marched out during the night and surrounded the town. ¹⁵ When Elisha's servant got up the next morning, he saw that Syrian troops had the town surrounded. "Sir, what are we going to do?" he asked. ¹⁶ "Don't be afraid," Elisha answered. "There are more troops on our side than on theirs." ¹⁷ Then he prayed, "LORD, please help him to see." And the LORD let the servant see that the hill^[d] was covered with fiery horses and flaming chariots all around Elisha. ¹⁸ As the Syrian army came closer, Elisha prayed, "LORD, make those soldiers blind!" And the LORD blinded them with a bright light. ¹⁹ Elisha told the enemy troops, "You've taken the wrong road and are in the wrong town. Follow me. I'll lead you to the man you're looking for." Elisha led them straight to the capital city of Samaria. ²⁰ When all the soldiers were inside the city, Elisha prayed, "LORD, now let them see again." The LORD let them see that they were standing in the middle of Samaria. ²¹ The king of Israel

saw them and asked Elisha, "Should I kill them, sir?" ²² "No!" Elisha answered. "You didn't capture these troops in battle, so you have no right to kill them. Instead, give them something to eat and drink and let them return to their leader." ²³ The king ordered a huge meal to be prepared for Syria's army, and when they finished eating, he let them go. For a while, the Syrian troops stopped invading Israel's territory.

Footnotes

- a. 6.9 *Elisha*: Hebrew "the man of God."
- b. 6.9 *have set up camp*: Or "are going."
- c. 6.13 *Dothan*: About 15 kilometers north of Samaria.
- d. 6.17 *the hill*: The hill on which the town was built.

PROPHECY: JUDGMENT ON AHAB FOR NABOTH'S VINEYARD

1 Kings 21:17-29, Contemporary English Version

Elijah Condemns Ahab

¹⁷ The LORD said to Elijah the prophet, ¹⁸ "King Ahab of Israel is in Naboth's vineyard right now, taking it over. ¹⁹ Go tell him that I say, 'Ahab, you murdered Naboth and took his property. And so, in the very spot where dogs licked up Naboth's blood, they will lick up your blood.' " When Elijah found him, ²⁰ Ahab said, "So, my enemy, you found me at last." Elijah answered: Yes, I did! Ahab, you have managed to do everything the LORD hates. ²¹ Now you will be punished. You and every man and boy in your family will die, whether slave or free. ²² Your whole family will be wiped out, just like the families of King Jeroboam and King Baasha. You've made the LORD very angry by sinning and causing the Israelites to sin. ²³ And as for Jezebel, dogs will eat her body there in Jezreel. ²⁴ Dogs will also eat the bodies of your relatives who die in town, and vultures will eat the bodies of those who die in the country. ²⁵⁻²⁹ When Ahab heard this, he tore his clothes in sorrow and wore sackcloth day and night. He was depressed and refused to eat. Some

time later, the LORD said, "Elijah, do you see how sorry Ahab is for what he did? I won't punish his family while he is still alive. I'll wait until his son is king." No one was more determined than Ahab to disobey the LORD. And Jezebel encouraged him. Worst of all, he had worshiped idols, just as the Amorites^[a] had done before the LORD forced them out of the land and gave it to Israel.

Footnotes

- a. 21.25-29 *Amorites*: A name sometimes used of the people who lived in Palestine before the Israelites.

PROPHECY: JUDGEMENT ON AHAZIAH

2 Kings 1:1-16, Contemporary English Version

The LORD Condemns Ahaziah

1 ¹⁻² Soon after King Ahab of Israel died, the country of Moab rebelled against his son King Ahaziah.^[a] One day, Ahaziah fell through the wooden slats around the porch on the flat roof of his palace in Samaria, and he was badly injured. So he sent some messengers to the town of Ekron^[b] with orders to ask the god Baalzebub if he would get well. ³ About the same time, an angel from the LORD sent Elijah the prophet from Tishbe to say to the king's messengers, "Ahaziah has rejected Israel's own God by sending you to ask Baalzebub about his injury. ⁴ Tell him that because he has done this, he's on his deathbed!" And Elijah did what he was told. ⁵ When the messengers returned to Ahaziah, he asked, "Why are you back so soon?" ⁶ "A man met us along the road with a message for you from the LORD," they answered. "The LORD wants to know why you sent us to ask Baalzebub about your injury and why you don't believe there's a God in Israel. The man also told us that the LORD says you're going to die." ⁷ "What did the man look like?" Ahaziah asked. ⁸ "He was hairy^[c] and had a leather belt around his waist," they answered. "It must be Elijah!" replied Ahaziah. ⁹ So at once he

sent an army officer and 50 soldiers to meet Elijah. Elijah was sitting on top of a hill^[d] at the time. The officer went up to him and said, "Man of God,^[e] the king orders you to come down and talk with him." ¹⁰ "If I am a man of God," Elijah answered, "God will send down fire on you and your 50 soldiers." Fire immediately came down from heaven and burned up the officer and his men. ¹¹ Ahaziah sent another officer and 50 more soldiers to Elijah. The officer said, "Man of God, the king orders you to come see him at once." ¹² "If I am a man of God," Elijah answered, "fire will destroy you and your 50 soldiers." And God sent down fire^[f] from heaven on the officer and his men. ¹³ Ahaziah sent a third army officer and 50 more soldiers. This officer went up to Elijah, then he got down on his knees and begged, "Man of God, please be kind to me and these 50 servants of yours. Let us live! ¹⁴ Fire has already wiped out the other officers and their soldiers. Please don't let it happen to me." ¹⁵ The angel from the LORD said to Elijah, "Go with him and don't be afraid." So Elijah got up and went with the officer. ¹⁶ When Elijah arrived, he told Ahaziah, "The LORD wants to know why you sent messengers to Ekron to ask Baalzebub about your injury. Don't you believe there's a God in Israel? Ahaziah, because you did that, the LORD says you will die."

Footnotes

- a. 1.1,2 *the country ... King Ahaziah*: The story of Moab's rebellion is in 3.4-27.
- b. 1.1,2 *Ekron*: An important Philistine town about 65 kilometers southwest of Samaria.
- c. 1.8 *hairy*: Or "wearing a furry coat."
- d. 1.9 *a hill*: Probably Mount Carmel.
- e. 1.9 *Man of God*: Another name for a prophet of the LORD.
- f. 1.12 *God sent down fire*: Or "A mighty fire came down."

PROPHECY:

2 Kings 3:4-27, Contemporary English Version

The Country of Moab Rebels against Israel

⁴ For many years the country of Moab had been controlled by Israel and was forced to pay taxes to the kings of Israel. King Mesha of Moab raised sheep, so he paid the king of Israel 100,000 lambs and the wool from 100,000 rams. ⁵ But soon after the death of Ahab, Mesha rebelled against Israel.

⁶ One day, Joram left Samaria and called together Israel's army. ⁷ He sent this message to King Jehoshaphat of Judah, "The king of Moab has rebelled. Will you go with me to attack him?" "Yes, I will," Jehoshaphat answered.

"I'm on your side, and my soldiers and horses are at your command. ⁸ But which way should we go?" "We will march through Edom Desert," Joram replied. ⁹ So Joram, Jehoshaphat, and the king of Edom led their troops out.

But seven days later, there was no drinking water left for them or their animals. ¹⁰ Joram cried out, "This is terrible! The LORD must have led us out here to be captured by Moab's army." ¹¹ Jehoshaphat said, "Which of the

LORD's prophets is with us? We can find out from him what the LORD wants us to do." One of Joram's officers answered, "Elisha son of Shaphat is here. He was one of Elijah's closest followers." ¹² Jehoshaphat replied, "He can

give us the LORD's message." The three kings went over to Elisha, ¹³ and he asked Joram, "Why did you come to me? Go talk to the prophets of the foreign gods your parents worshiped."^[a] "No," Joram answered. "It was the LORD who led us out here, so that Moab's army could capture us."

¹⁴ Elisha said to him, "I serve the LORD All-Powerful, and as surely as he lives, I swear I wouldn't even look at you if I didn't respect King

Jehoshaphat." ¹⁵ Then Elisha said, "Send for someone who can play the harp." The harpist began playing, and the LORD gave Elisha this message for Joram: ¹⁶ The LORD says that this dry riverbed will be filled with water.^[b]

¹⁷ You won't feel any wind or see any rain, but there will be plenty of water

for you and your animals. ¹⁸ That simple thing isn't all the LORD is going to do. He will also help you defeat Moab's army. ¹⁹ You will capture all their walled cities and important towns. You will chop down every good tree and stop up every spring of water, then ruin their fertile fields by covering them with rocks. ²⁰ The next morning, while the sacrifice was being offered, water suddenly started flowing from the direction of Edom, and it flooded the land. ²¹ Meanwhile, the people of Moab had heard that the three kings were coming to attack them. They had called together all of their fighting men, from the youngest to the oldest, and these troops were now standing at their border, ready for battle. ²² When they got up that morning, the sun was shining across the water, making it look red. The Moabite troops took one look ²³ and shouted, "Look at that blood! The armies of those kings must have fought and killed each other. Come on, let's go take what's left in their camp." ²⁴ But when they arrived at Israel's camp, the Israelite soldiers came out and attacked them, until they turned and ran away. Israel's army chased them all the way back to Moab, and even there they kept up the attack. ^[c] ²⁵ The Israelites destroyed the Moabite towns. They chopped down the good trees and stopped up the springs of water, then covered the fertile fields with rocks. Finally, the only city left standing was Kir-Hareseth, but soldiers armed with slings surrounded and attacked it. ²⁶ King Mesha of Moab saw that he was about to be defeated. So he took along 700 soldiers with swords and tried to break through the front line where the Edomite troops were positioned. But he failed. ²⁷ He then grabbed his oldest son who was to be the next king and sacrificed him as an offering on the city wall. The Israelite troops were so horrified that ^[d] they left the city and went back home.

Footnotes

- a. 3.13 *the prophets ... worshiped*: These were prophets of the Canaanite god Baal and the goddess Asherah (see 1 Kings 16.30-33; 18.19).
- b. 3.16 *that ... water*: Or "to dig holes everywhere in this riverbed."
- c. 3.24 *chased ... attack*: One possible meaning for the difficult Hebrew text.
- d. 3.27 *The Israelite ... that*: One possible meaning for the difficult Hebrew text.

2 Kings 6:24-7:20 Contemporary English Version

King Benhadad of Syria Attacks Samaria

²⁴ Some time later, King Benhadad of Syria^[a] called his entire army together, then they marched to Samaria and attacked. ²⁵ They kept up the attack until there was nothing to eat in the city. In fact, a donkey's head cost 80 pieces of silver, and a small bowl of pigeon droppings^[b] cost 5 pieces of silver. ²⁶ One day as the king of Israel^[c] was walking along the top of the city wall, a woman shouted to him, "Please, Your Majesty, help me!" ²⁷ "Let the LORD help you!" the king said. "Do you think I have grain or wine to give you?" ²⁸ Then he asked, "What's the matter anyway?" The woman answered, "Another woman and I were so hungry that we agreed to eat our sons. She said if we ate my son one day, we could eat hers the next day. ²⁹ So yesterday we cooked my son and ate him. But today when I went to her house to eat her son, she had hidden him." ³⁰ The king tore off his clothes in sorrow, and since he was on top of the city wall, the people saw that he was wearing sackcloth underneath. ³¹ He said, "I pray that God will punish me terribly, if Elisha's head is still on his shoulders by this time tomorrow. ³² Then he sent a messenger to Elisha. Elisha was home at the time, and the important leaders of Israel were meeting with him. Even before the king's messenger arrived, Elisha told the leaders, "That murderer^[d] is sending someone to cut off my head. When you see him coming, shut the door and don't let him in. I'm sure the king himself will be right behind him." ³³ Before Elisha finished talking, the messenger^[e] came up and said, "The LORD has made all these terrible things happen to us. Why should I think he will help us now?"

7 Elisha answered, "I have a message for you. The LORD promises that tomorrow here in Samaria, you will be able to buy a large sack of flour or two large sacks of barley for almost nothing." ² The chief officer there with the king replied, "I don't believe it! Even if the LORD sent a rainstorm, it

couldn't produce that much grain by tomorrow." "You will see it happen, but you won't eat any of the food," Elisha warned him.

The Syrian Army Stops Its Attack

³ About the same time, four men with leprosy^[f] were just outside the gate of Samaria. They said to each other, "Why should we sit here, waiting to die?

⁴ There's nothing to eat in the city, so we would starve if we went inside. But if we stay out here, we will die for sure. Let's sneak over to the Syrian army camp and surrender. They might kill us, but they might not." ⁵⁻⁸ That

evening the four men got up and left for the Syrian camp. As they walked toward the camp, the Lord caused the Syrian troops to hear what sounded like the roar of a huge cavalry. The soldiers said to each other, "Listen! The king of Israel must have hired Hittite and Egyptian troops to attack us. Let's get out of here!" So they ran out of their camp that night, leaving their tents and horses and donkeys. When the four men with leprosy reached the edge of the Syrian camp, no one was there. They walked into one of the tents, where they ate and drank, before carrying off clothes, as well as silver and gold. They hid all this, then walked into another tent; they took what they wanted and hid it too. ⁹ They said to each other, "This isn't right. Today is a day to celebrate, and we haven't told anyone else what has happened. If we wait until morning, we will be punished. Let's go to the king's palace at once and tell the good news." ¹⁰ They went back to Samaria and shouted up to

the guards at the gate, "We've just come from the Syrian army camp, and all the soldiers are gone! The tents are empty, and the horses and donkeys are still tied up. We didn't see or hear anybody." ¹¹ The guards reported the news to the king's palace. ¹² The king got out of bed and said to his officers, "I know what those Syrians are doing. They know we're starving, so they're hiding in the fields, hoping we will go out to look for food. When we do, they can capture us and take over our city." ¹³ One of his officers replied, "We have a few horses left—why don't we let some men take five of them and go

to the Syrian camp and see what's happening? We're going to die anyway like those who have already died.”^[g] **14** They found two chariots, and the king commanded the men to find out what had happened to the Syrian troops. **15** The men rode as far as the Jordan River. All along the way they saw clothes and equipment that the Syrians had thrown away as they escaped. Then they went back to the king and told him what they had seen. **16** At once the people went to the Syrian camp and carried off what was left. They took so much that a large sack of flour and two large sacks of barley sold for almost nothing, just as the LORD had promised. **17** The king of Israel had put his chief officer in charge of the gate, but he died when the people trampled him as they rushed out of the city. **18** Earlier, when the king was at Elisha's house, Elisha had told him that flour or barley would sell for almost nothing. **19** But the officer refused to believe that even the LORD could do that. So Elisha warned him that he would see it happen, but would not eat any of the food. **20** And that's exactly what happened—the officer was trampled to death.

Footnotes

- a. 6.24 *King Benhadad of Syria*: This may or may not be the same Benhadad mentioned in 1 Kings 20.1. Several of the Syrian kings were named Benhadad.
- b. 6.25 *pigeon droppings*: This may have been used for food or to burn for fuel. It also may have been a popular name for roasted beans or the shells of certain seeds.
- c. 6.26 *the king of Israel*: Probably either Jehoahaz or Jehoash, but possibly even Joram.
- d. 6.32 *That murderer*: Hebrew “That murderer's son.”
- e. 6.33 *messenger*: Or “king” (see 7.2,18); the two Hebrew words are very similar.
- f. 7.3 *leprosy*: See the note at 5.1.
- g. 7.13 *We're going ... died*: One possible meaning for the difficult Hebrew text.

2 Kings 5:1-19, Contemporary English Version

Elisha Heals Naaman

5 Naaman was the commander of the Syrian army. The LORD had helped him and his troops defeat their enemies, so the king of Syria respected Naaman very much. Naaman was a brave soldier, but he had leprosy.^[a] **2** One day while the Syrian troops were raiding Israel, they captured a girl, and she became a servant of Naaman's wife. **3** Some time later the girl said, "If your husband Naaman would go to the prophet in Samaria, he would be cured of his leprosy." **4** When Naaman told the king what the girl had said, **5** the king replied, "Go ahead! I will give you a letter to take to the king of Israel." Naaman left and took along 30,000 pieces of silver, 6,000 pieces of gold, and 10 new outfits. **6** He also carried the letter to the king of Israel. It said, "I am sending my servant Naaman to you. Would you cure him of his leprosy?" **7** When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes in fear and shouted, "That Syrian king believes I can cure this man of leprosy! Does he think I'm God with power over life and death? He must be trying to pick a fight with me." **8** As soon as Elisha the prophet^[b] heard what had happened, he sent the Israelite king this message: "Why are you so afraid? Send the man to me, so that he will know there is a prophet in Israel." **9** Naaman left with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. **10** Elisha sent someone outside to say to him, "Go wash seven times in the Jordan River. Then you'll be completely cured." **11** But Naaman stormed off, grumbling, "Why couldn't he come out and talk to me? I thought for sure he would stand in front of me and pray to the LORD his God, then wave his hand over my skin and cure me. **12** What about the Abana River^[c] or the Pharpar River? Those rivers in Damascus are just as good as any river in Israel. I could have washed in them and been cured." **13** His servants went over to him and said, "Sir, if the prophet had told you to do something difficult, you would have done it. So why don't you do what he said? Go wash and be cured." **14** Naaman walked down to the Jordan; he waded out into the water and stooped down in it seven times, just as Elisha had told him. At once, he

was cured, and his skin became as smooth as a child's. ¹⁵ Naaman and his officials went back to Elisha. Naaman stood in front of him and announced, "Now I know that the God of Israel is the only God in the whole world. Sir, would you please accept a gift from me?" ¹⁶ "I am a servant of the living LORD," Elisha answered, "and I swear that I will not take anything from you." Naaman kept begging, but Elisha kept refusing. ¹⁷ Finally Naaman said, "If you won't accept a gift, then please let me take home as much soil as two mules can pull in a wagon. Sir, from now on I will offer sacrifices only to the LORD.^[d] ¹⁸ But I pray that the LORD will forgive me when I go into the temple of the god Rimmon and bow down there with the king of Syria." ¹⁹ "Go on home, and don't worry about that," Elisha replied. Then Naaman left.

Elisha Places a Curse on Gehazi

After Naaman had gone only a short distance,

Footnotes

- a. 5.1 *leprosy*: The word translated "leprosy" was used for many different kinds of skin diseases.
- b. 5.8 *the prophet*: Hebrew "the man of God."
- c. 5.12 *Abana River*: Most Hebrew manuscripts; some Hebrew manuscripts and two ancient translations "Amana River."
- d. 5.17 *let me take ... the LORD*: It was believed that the LORD had to be worshiped in Israel or on soil taken from Israel

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2 Kings 5:20-27, Contemporary English Version

²⁰ Gehazi said to himself, "Elisha let that Syrian off too easy. He should have taken Naaman's gift. I swear by the living LORD that I will talk to Naaman myself and get something from him." ²¹ So he hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw Gehazi running after him, he got out of his chariot to meet

him. Naaman asked, "Is everything all right?" ²² "Yes," Gehazi answered. "But my master has sent me to tell you about two young prophets from the hills of Ephraim. They came asking for help, and now Elisha wants to know if you would give them 3,000 pieces of silver and some new clothes?" ²³ "Sure," Naaman replied. "But why don't you take twice that amount of silver?" He convinced Gehazi to take it all, then put the silver in two bags. He handed the bags and the clothes to his two servants, and they carried them for Gehazi. ²⁴ When they reached the hill where Gehazi lived, he took the bags from the servants and placed them in his house, then sent the men away. After they had gone, ²⁵ Gehazi went in and stood in front of Elisha, who asked, "Gehazi, where have you been?" "Nowhere, sir," Gehazi answered. ²⁶ Elisha asked, "Don't you know that my spirit was there when Naaman got out of his chariot to talk with you? Gehazi, you have no right to accept money or clothes, olive orchards or vineyards, sheep or cattle, or servants. ²⁷ Because of what you've done, Naaman's leprosy^[a] will now be on you and your descendants forever!" Suddenly, Gehazi's skin became white with leprosy, and he left.

Footnotes

- a. 5.27 *leprosy*: See the note at 5.1.

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2 Kings 1:9-12, Contemporary English Version

⁹ So at once he sent an army officer and 50 soldiers to meet Elijah. Elijah was sitting on top of a hill^[a] at the time. The officer went up to him and said,

“Man of God,^[b] the king orders you to come down and talk with him.” ¹⁰ “If I am a man of God,” Elijah answered, “God will send down fire on you and your 50 soldiers.” Fire immediately came down from heaven and burned up the officer and his men. ¹¹ Ahaziah sent another officer and 50 more soldiers to Elijah. The officer said, “Man of God, the king orders you to come see him at once.” ¹² “If I am a man of God,” Elijah answered, “fire will destroy you and your 50 soldiers.” And God sent down fire^[c] from heaven on the officer and his men.

Footnotes

- a. 1.9 *a hill*: Probably Mount Carmel.

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2 Kings 2:23-25, Contemporary English Version

Some Boys Make Fun of Elisha

²³ Elisha left and headed toward Bethel. Along the way some boys started making fun of him by shouting, “Go away, baldy! Get out of here!” ²⁴ Elisha turned around and stared at the boys. Then he cursed them in the name of the LORD. At once two bears ran out of the woods and ripped to pieces 42 of the boys. ²⁵ Elisha went up to Mount Carmel, then returned to Samaria.

2 Kings 6:1-7, Contemporary English Version

Elisha Makes an Ax Head Float

6 One day the prophets said to Elisha, “The place where we meet with you is too small. ² Why don't we build a new meeting place near the Jordan River? Each of us could get some wood, then we could build it.” “That's a good idea,” Elisha replied, “get started.” ³ “Aren't you going with us?” one of the prophets asked. “Yes, I'll go,” Elisha answered, ⁴ and he left with them. They went to the Jordan River and began chopping down trees. ⁵ While one of the prophets was working, his ax head fell off and dropped into the water. “Oh!”

he shouted. "Sir, I borrowed this ax." ⁶ "Where did it fall in?" Elisha asked. The prophet pointed to the place, and Elisha cut a stick and threw it into the water at that spot. The ax head floated to the top of the water. ⁷ "Now get it," Elisha told him. And the prophet reached in and grabbed it.