

The Prophet Elisha

A Seer





Training to become a Seer
**LEARNING TO PROPHECY
MINISTRY**



BECOMING A SEER

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Empowerment on the mountains of God.

- ◆ We will experience the following:
- ◆ Sounds of “**the rain**” falling on us. (Mount Carmel)
- ◆ **Fire** consuming everything that keeps us away from our loving God. (Mount Sinai)
- ◆ **Earthquake** shaking everything in our lives. (Mount Sinai)
- ◆ **The wind** will blow on us knocking down unproductive branches, our rocky hearts. (Mount Sinai)

Elijah trains Elisha

- ◆ To look and see.
- ◆ To listen and hear.
- ◆ To prophesy the Word of the Lord.
- ◆ Then God took Elijah to Heaven and was Elisha's time to put in practice what his teacher has been teaching him.
- ◆ He kept his eyes in his master and the double portion anointing came to be his.

2 Kings 2:1-2 (NKJV)

- ◆ *Elijah Ascends to Heaven*
- ◆ *2 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.*

Elisha's tests

- ◆ **Gilgal:**
- ◆ Place of cutting, circumcision,
- ◆ Rolling away of reproach,
- ◆ Place to move through the gates of authority into the new place that God has prepared.
- ◆ Failures in life don't disqualify us, but they qualify us for greatness in God.

Bethel

- ◆ Place or House of God, gates of Heaven.
- ◆ Abraham built an altar close by and he called the name of the Lord.
- ◆ Jacob's stairway dream to heaven.
- ◆ City of Light
- ◆ Jacob returns and God speaks to him in this palace
- ◆ Place where the ark of the covenant of God was set up, and where the priests offered sacrifices and inquired of God.

2 Kings 2:3 (NKJV)

- ◆ 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!”*

2 Kings 2:4 (NKJV)

- ◆ *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.*

Jericho

- ◆ Place of Fragrance, balm and palm trees,
- ◆ Place of warfare,
- ◆ Joshua conquered the city by the hand of God, using an incredible strategy.
- ◆ Place where you put down your plans and follow the strategy of God

2 Kings 2:5 (NKJV)

- ◆ *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!”**

2 Kings 2:6-7 (NKJV)

- ◆ 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.

50 Witnesses approving

- ◆ **5 means work, ministry.**
- ◆ **10 means weigh**, evaluate for the purpose of accepting or rejecting what is been weighted.
- ◆ In this case the 50 sons of the prophets were witnessing the finishing work of the Prophet Elijah and at the same time the initiation of the successor of Elijah: The Prophet Elisha.
- ◆ As we can understand both were accepted by God as everything went all right.
- ◆ Eventually these prophets will bow down in front of Elisha, acknowledging He is the new Prophet.

2 Kings 2:6-7 (NKJV)

- ◆ *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.*

Jordan River

- ◆ Abraham and Lot parted company.
- ◆ **Jacob** was renamed *Israel* at the ford of the Jabbok River, a tributary of the Jordan: " (Genesis 32:22-28 RSV)
- ◆ after Joshua succeeded Moses as the leader of the people, the Israelites **entered the Promised Land** by crossing the Jordan River, that was miraculously divided for them (Joshua 3:15-17).
- ◆ The prophets Elijah and Elisha were active on both sides of the Jordan.

Jordan River

- ◆ The Jordan River was the area where John The Baptist conducted much of his ministry.
- ◆ Jesus Christ was baptized by John in the Jordan River.
- ◆ In earlier times, the Israelites possessed the territory of both sides of the Jordan.

Location of their last trip together



2 Kings 2:9-10 (NKJV)

- ◆ *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.**”*

2 Kings 2:11 (NKJV)

- ◆ *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.***

Separation of two realms

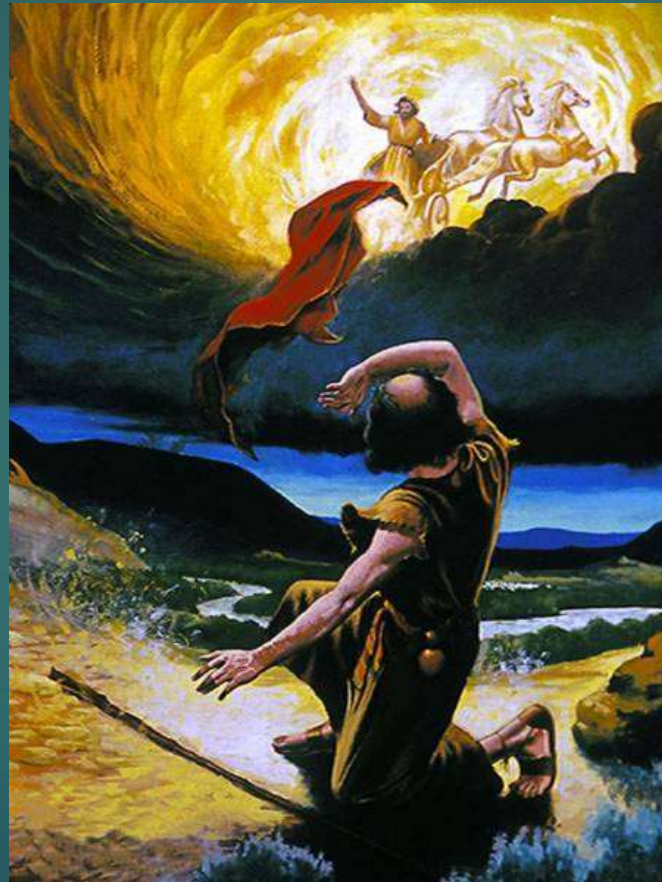
- ◆ The power and splendor of the chariots and the horses of fire representing the glorious heavenly realm came in between these two prophets and separated them.
- ◆ Each one was set apart for different purposes, Elijah to be taken to heaven and Elisha to become a witness on Israel of the way how God shows His power through His Prophets.

Two different realms



- ◆ There is separation between the spiritual realm and the natural realm.
- ◆ Elijah was taken into the spiritual realm of Heaven.
- ◆ At the same time, Elisha got the double portion anointing requested but was still living in the natural realm.

Elijah Taken up to Heaven



2 Kings 2:12-13 (NKJV)

- ◆ 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.

Elisha saw it

- ◆ Elisha is a seer, he sees everything.
- ◆ “IT” means that he saw the wonderful glorious display of Heavenly Majesty; he saw the chariots and the horses of fire, he saw the whirlwind behind them.
- ◆ It was an awesome great display; however he didn't allow it to distract him from looking and focusing his sight on his target namely: **ELIJAH.**

He discards his old garment, his old life

- ◆ Elisha sees Elijah taken to heaven and knows that his petition is granted, the double anointing is his.
- ◆ He tore his clothes as saying, I need to put on my new self my new mantle.
- ◆ He tore his garments of servant to become the Elder son and receive his double portion inheritance, which is the double portion anointing that he boldly requested from his master.

Standing in the right place.

- ◆ He bends down to pick up the mantle of his teacher that is the authority of his new office,
- ◆ Then he goes and stands on the bank of the Jordan river in front of the fifty witnesses.
- ◆ He takes his new position without any hesitation. He stands ready to allow God to use him with His mighty power.

2 Kings 2:14 (NKJV)

- ◆ *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.*

Striking down the floods

- ◆ Jordan was swelling with the floods of the season.
- ◆ Our way to our inheritance, to our promised land can be blocked by many floods;
- ◆ As Elisha, we are to use our authority and the anointing given to us. That power and authority used in the name of the Lord, will cause to split apart the difficulties on our way then we can walk to our glorious destiny without our feet touching the vanished trouble.

2 Kings 2:15-16 (NKJV)

- ◆ 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.”**

2 Kings 2:17-18 (NKJV)

- ◆ 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’?**”

The Son's of the prophets

- ◆ They knew (revelation) Elijah would be taken that day into heaven.
- ◆ They questioned Elisha.
- ◆ They witness Elijah opening the Jordan.
- ◆ They watched the chariots of fire.
- ◆ They got distracted with this magnificent display.
- ◆ They did not look Elijah taken in the whirlwind.
- ◆ They bowed down before Elisha in submission.
- ◆ They doubt of the received revelation from God

The Son's of the prophets

- ◆ They pressed Elisha to send 50 Men looking for his Master.
- ◆ They got his consent and sent them.
- ◆ Three days searching and found no rests of Elijah.
- ◆ But during these three days they found they suffered a change, they realized they were tested and they failed, they were not yet conformed to the image of God.
- ◆ They returned to Jericho where Elisha was, they came back to start a new cycle, they came to the place of warfare

Quick look at some expressions

- ◆ **See, Look or Watch?**
- ◆ *See, look* and *watch* are verbs that we use to talk about our sense of sight - using our eyes. But they have important differences in meaning.

See

- ◆ We use *see* to mean simply that an image comes into our eyes. It may not be deliberate. As soon as we open our eyes, we *see* things.
- ◆ I can **see** a cloud in the sky.
- ◆ I suddenly **saw** a bird fly in front of me.
- ◆ Didn't you **see** Ram? He was waving at you.

Look (at)


- ◆ When we *look*, we *try to see*. We make a special effort. We concentrate our eyes on something.
- ◆ **Look!** It's snowing!
- ◆ **Look at** this photo! Isn't it beautiful?
- ◆ I'm **looking** but I don't see it.

Watch

- ◆ With the verb *watch*, we are much more active. *Watch* is like *look*, but requires more effort from us. We *watch* things that are going to move, or change in some way. And we *watch* the movements and changes.
- ◆ The police decided to **watch** the suspected murderer rather than arrest him immediately. They hoped he would lead them to the body.
- ◆ I like **watching** motor racing on TV.
- ◆ If you **watch** that egg for long enough you'll see it hatch.

Book recommended:

- ◆ Gateway to the Seer Realm
- ◆ Look again to see beyond the natural
- ◆ BARBIE BREATHITT

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- ◆ That is all for today.
 - ◆ Thank you for coming.
 - ◆ Next week: Visuals