



ELIJAH & ELISHA

Lessons In Faith

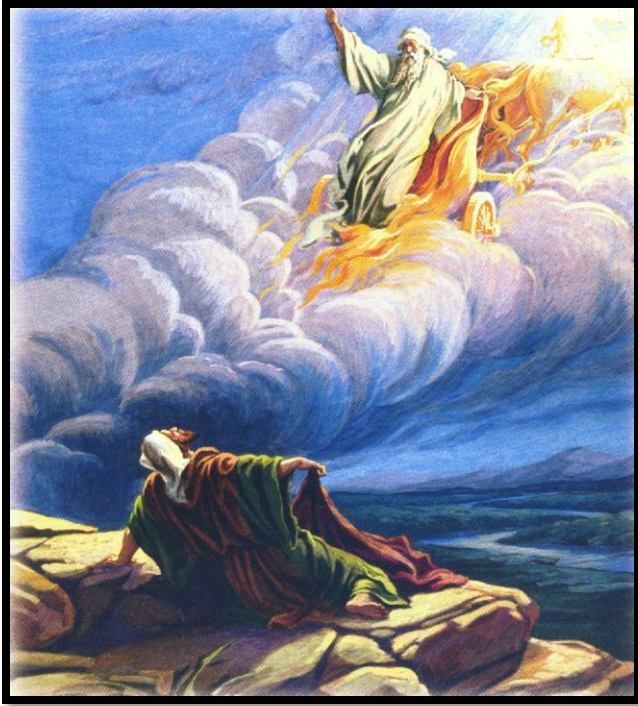


LESSON 7

The background of the image is a stained glass pattern. It features a central horizontal band of yellow glass. Above and below this band are sections of light brown or tan glass, separated by dark, thick leaded glass lines. The pattern is symmetrical and geometric, with the central yellow band being the focal point for the text.

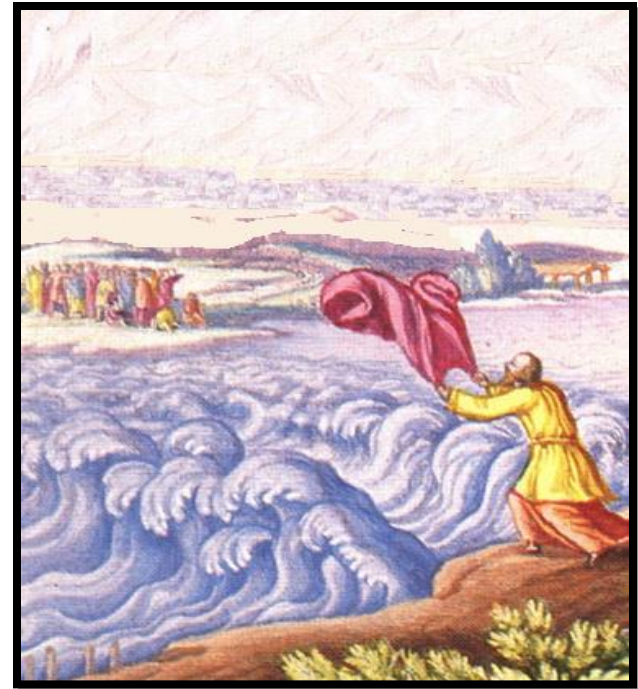
II KINGS 2:19-25

REVIEW - 2 Kings 2:1-13



Elisha saw Elijah taken up in a chariot by a whirlwind. This was the sign he would be granted a double portion of the spirit of Elijah.

Elijah's cloak had fallen from him and Elisha used it to part the Jordan River. Some of the sons of the prophets saw the miracle and knew he had the spirit of Elijah.



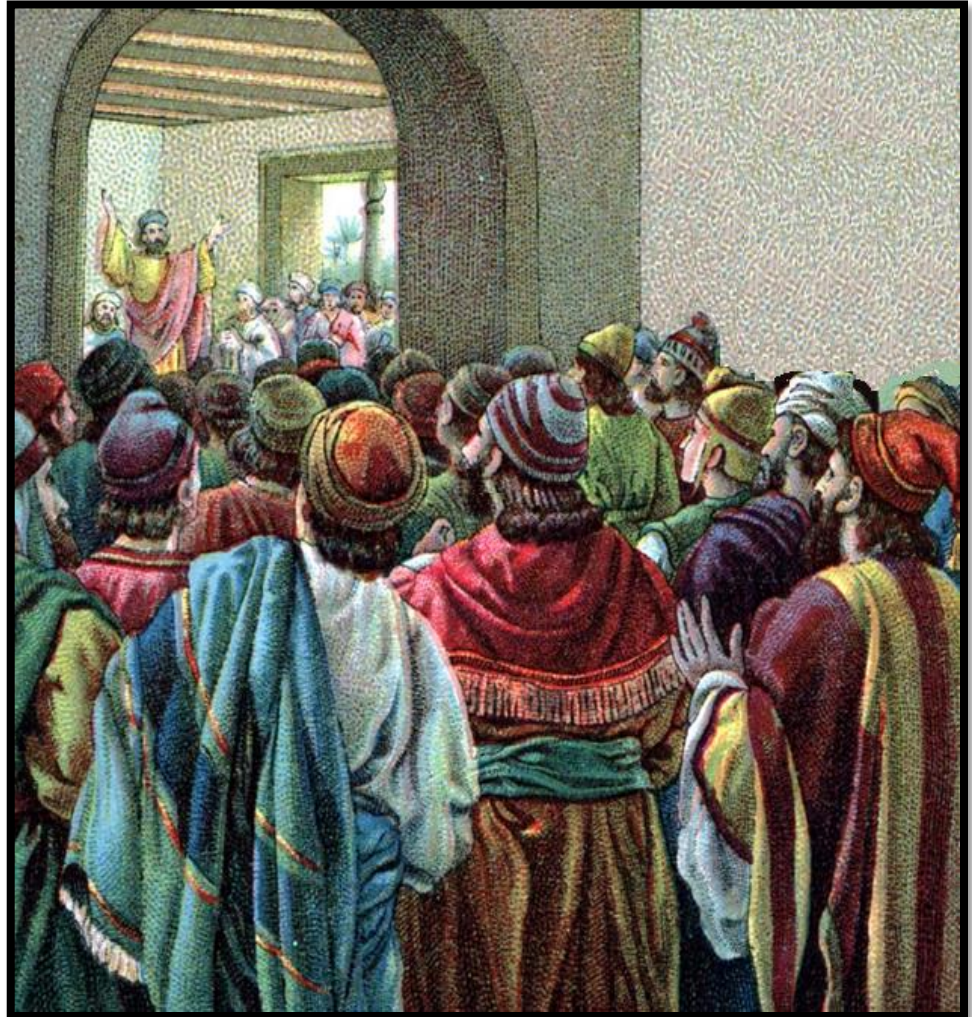
REVIEW - 2 Kings 2:13-18

The sons of the prophets knew of Elisha's first miracle—

Dividing the Jordan.

Yet, they had trouble understanding and believing Elisha regarding Elijah's translation.

They kept wanting to go look for Elijah but Elisha told them he was gone. They looked for Elijah for 3 days and finally returned to Elisha at Jericho disappointed.



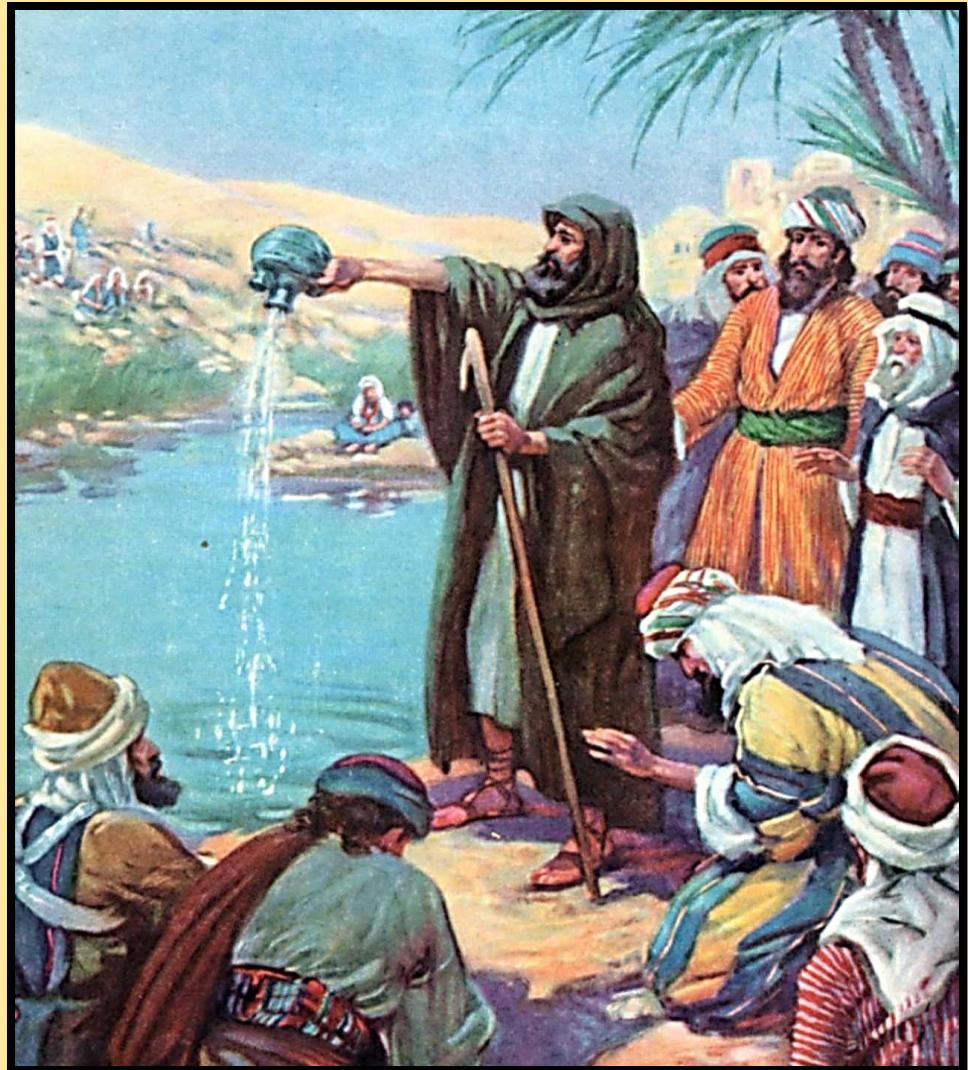


Healing the Waters at Jericho

MIRACLE: HEALING OF THE WATER AT JERICHO

2 Kings 2

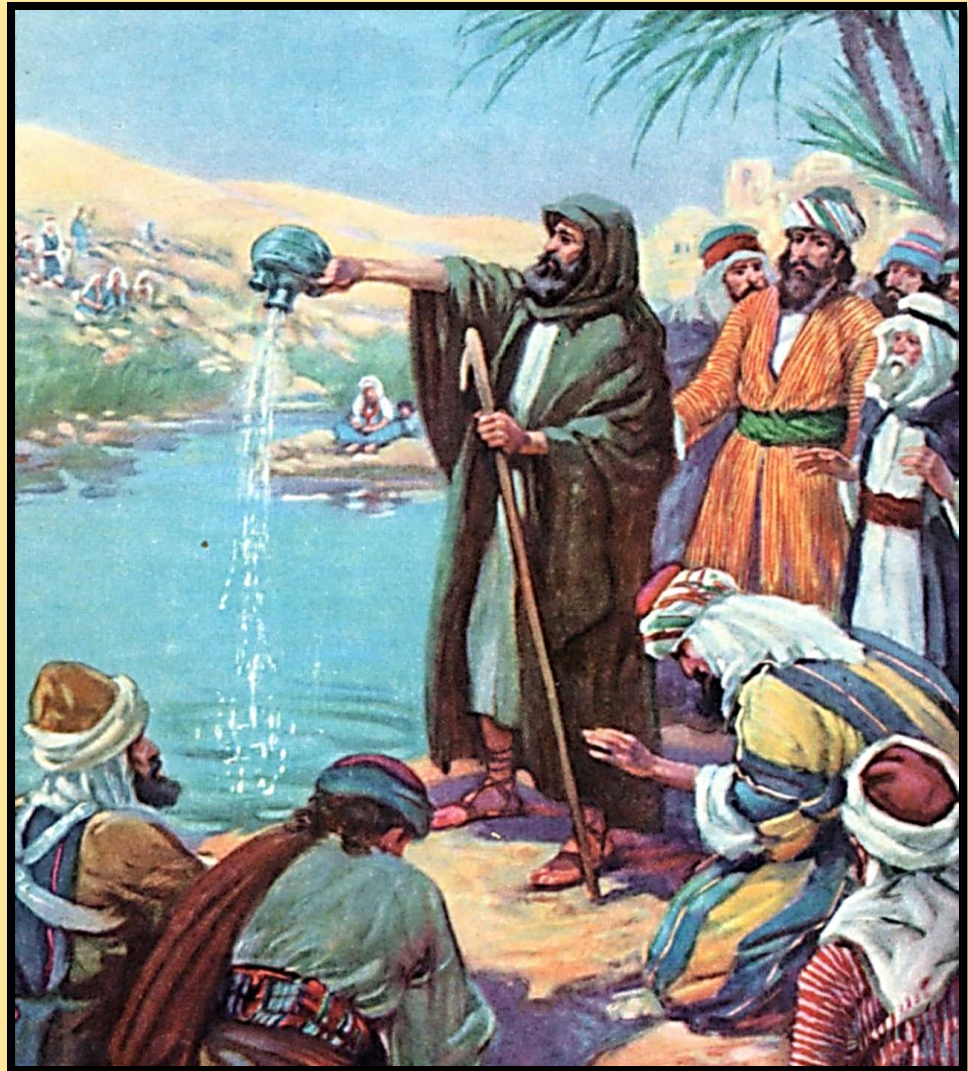
“¹⁹And the men of the city said unto Elisha, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is naught, and the ground barren. ²⁰And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought it to him.”



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“²¹And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, Thus saith the LORD, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land. ²²So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spake.”

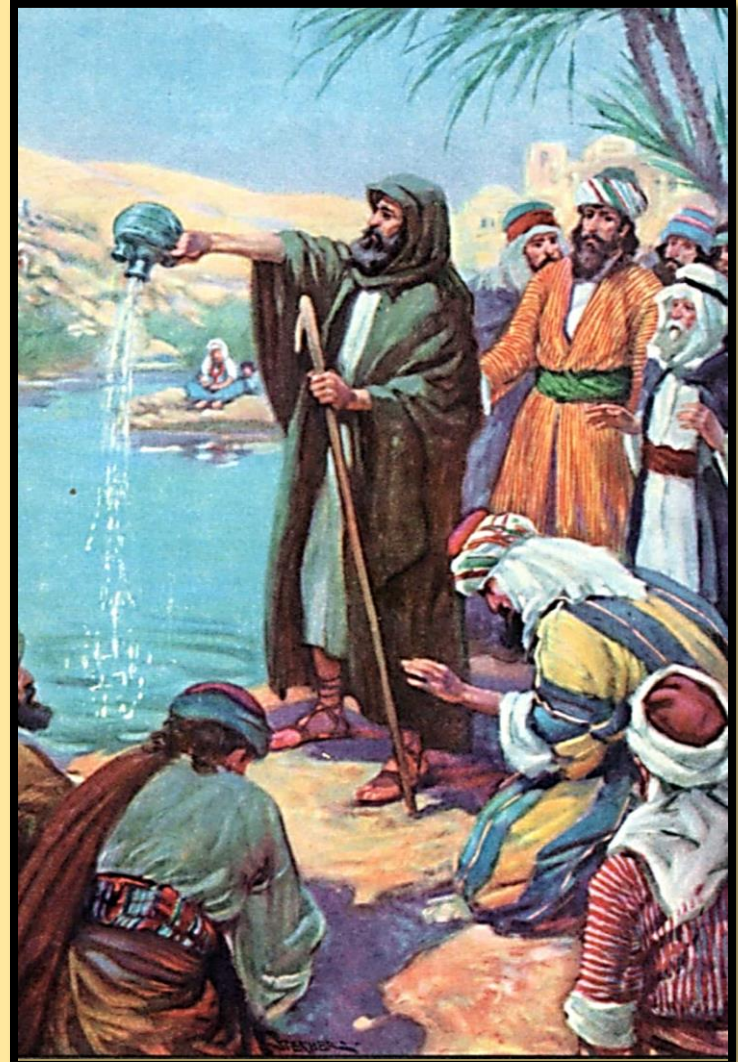


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Elisha healed their waters, but they had to furnish him with salt in a new cruise. Those that would be helped must have works, and have their faith and obedience tried.

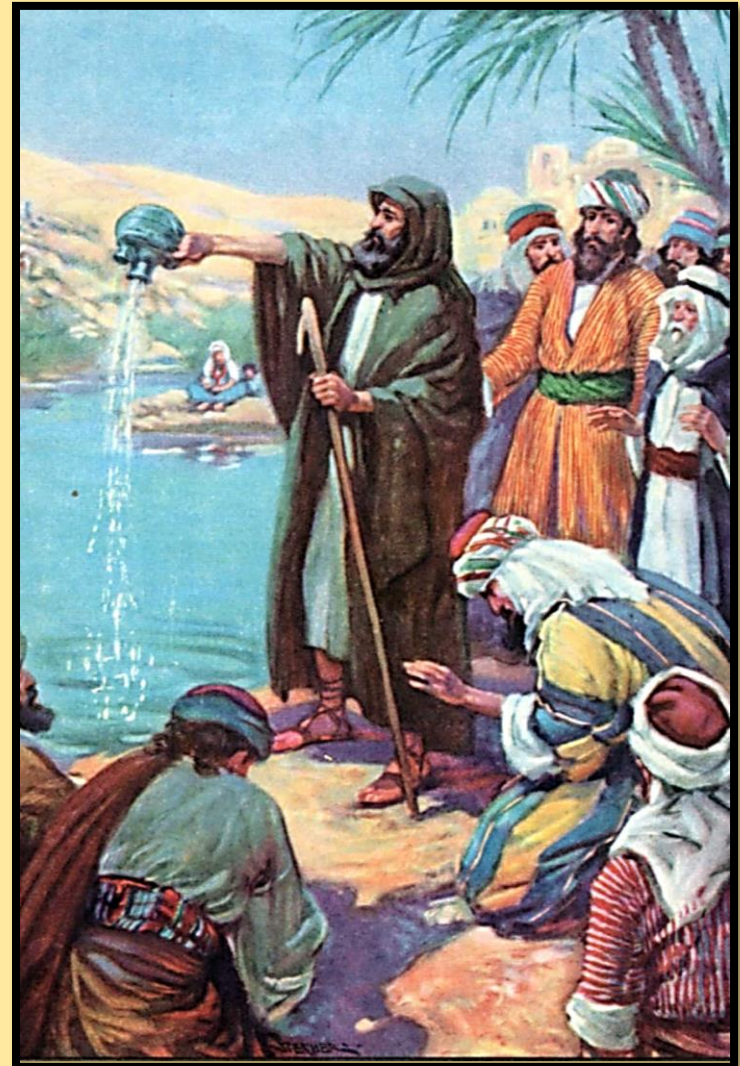
He cast the salt into the spring of waters, and so healed the streams and the ground. The way to reform the lives of men is to renew their heart by seasoning it with the salt of grace, for out of the heart are the issues of life, (Proverbs 4:23).

Note, the cure was lasting . . . not for the present only.



MIRACLE: HEALING OF THE WATER AT JERICHO

By doing them this kindness with a
“Thus saith the Lord,”
they would be the
more willing, hereafter,
to receive from Elisha a
reproof, admonition, or
command.

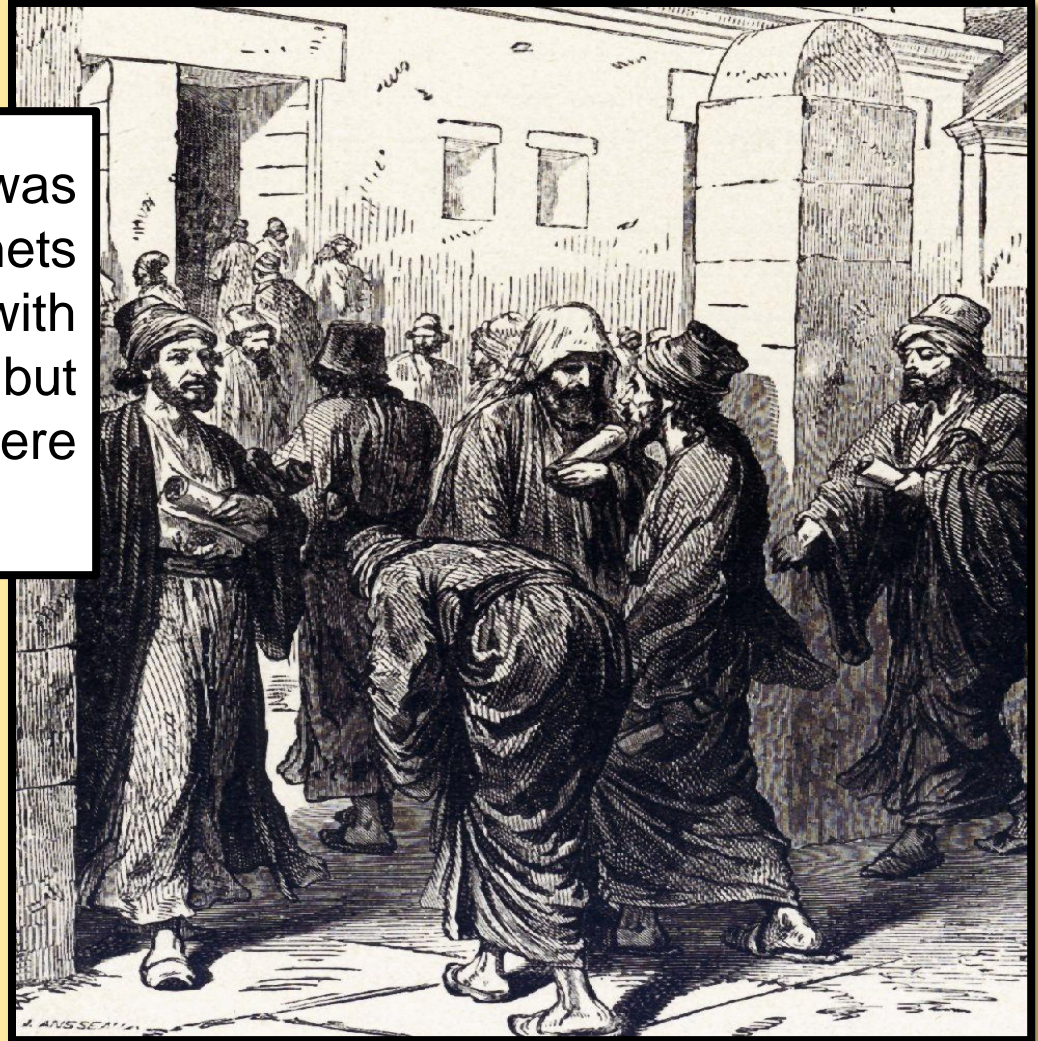




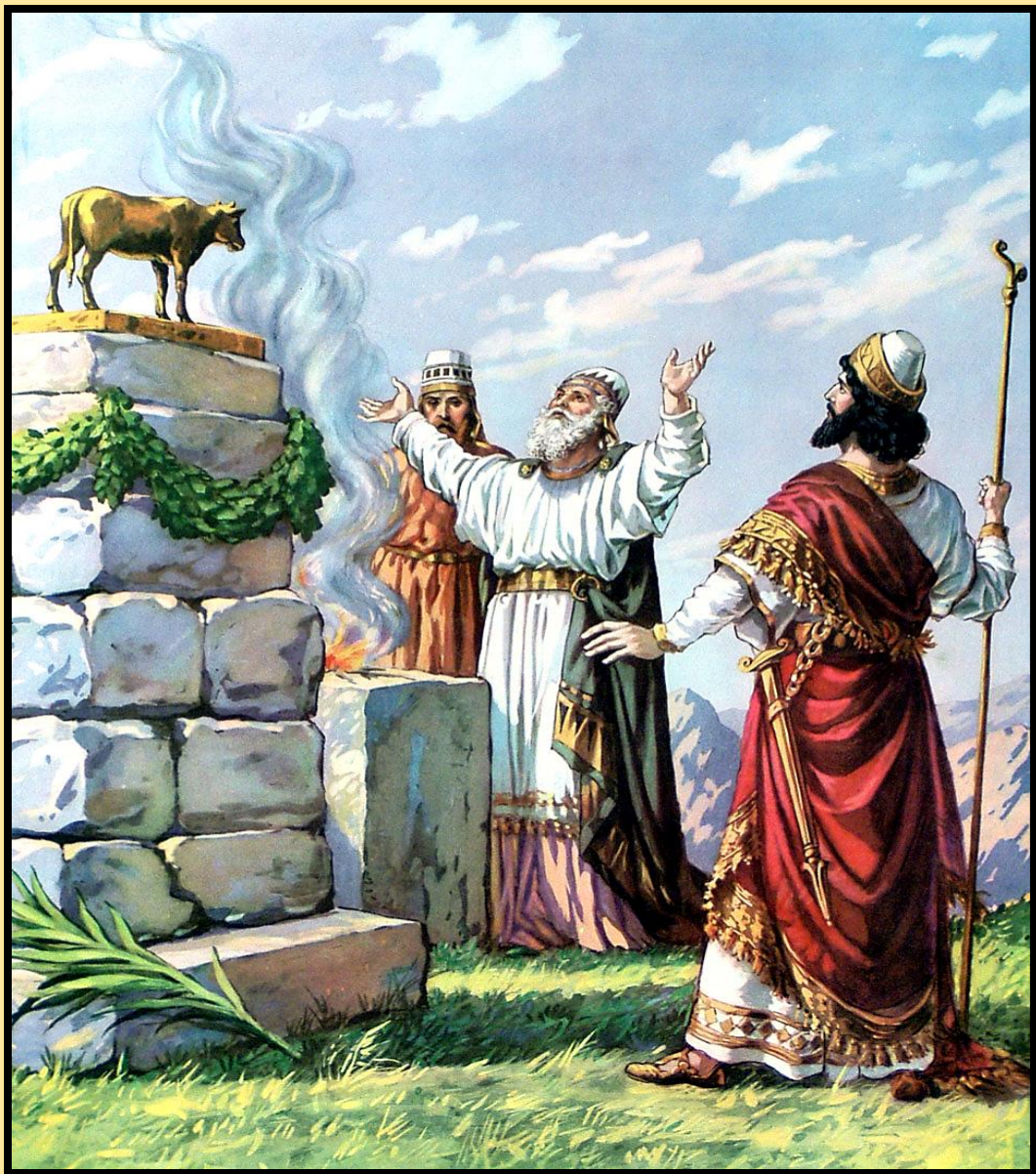
Bears Kill 42 Children

A CURSE ON THE CHILDREN OF BETHEL

At Bethel there was another school of prophets that welcomed Elisha with all possible respect, but the townsmen were abusive to him.

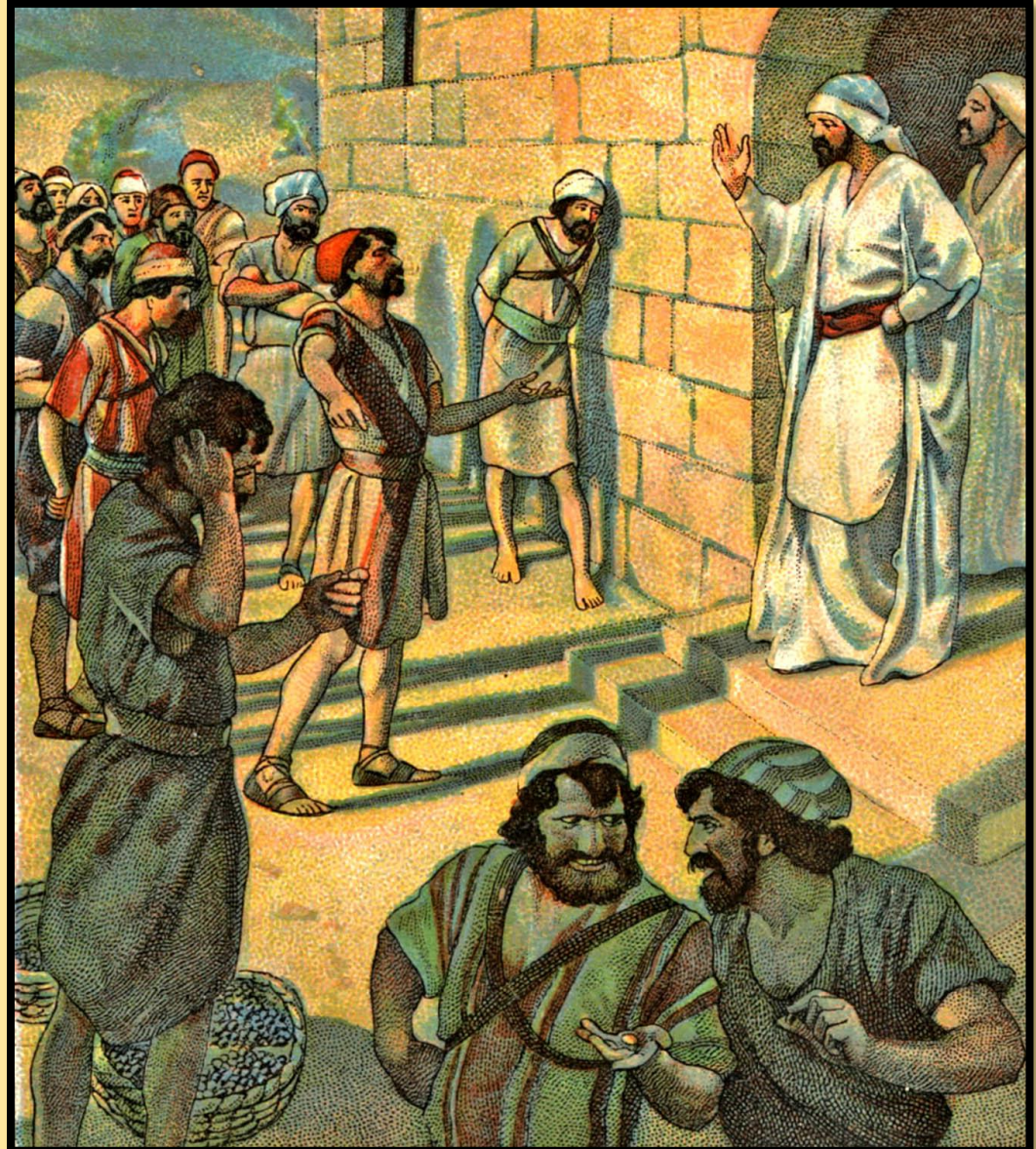


Remember one of King Jeroboam's calves was at Bethel; the people were proud of their idol and hated those that reprovved them. We may suppose it was their usual practice to jeer the prophets as they went along the streets, to call them names and try to drive them out of their town.



2 Chronicles 36

“¹⁶But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets”



2 Kings 2

“²³And he went up from thence unto Bethel: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head.”



2 Kings 2

“²⁴And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.
²⁵And he went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence he returned to Samaria.”



Elisha summoned God to curse the children. The prophet must have been justified, for it was immediately that the bears came and killed 42 children. The death of these children punished the parents who had taught their children foul names, and bad language, and disrespect of God's prophets.

In vain do we grieve for children whose parents have turned over to Satan with their neglect and evil ways.



Only 2 bears
killed 42 children!

Were there more
children that were
able to escape?

or

Did some watch
as their friends
were killed only
for the bears to
turn on them that
watched?



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