

## **Elisha And The Sons Of The Prophets**

### **I. Elisha Heals Water Of Jericho**

**II Kings 2:19-22** <sup>19</sup> And 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. <sup>20</sup> And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought it to him. <sup>21</sup> And 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. <sup>22</sup> So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spake.

- A. Poisonous water of Jericho
- B. Jar of water and salt
- C. Prayed for water to be healed – it was healed

### **II. Elisha's Encounter With Young Man**

- A. Going to Bethel – school of the prophets
- B. 2200 sons of the prophets under Elisha
- C. Mocked Elisha saying, “Go on up bald-head, go un up bald-head”  
These were idolatrous youth telling him get caught up to heaven like Elijah and go away
- D. Elisha cursed them and two bears killed 42 of them

**II Kings 2:24** <sup>24</sup> And 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.

### **III. Elisha Feeds The Sons Of The Prophets At Gilgal**

**II Kings 4:38-41** <sup>38</sup> And Elisha came again to Gilgal: and there was a dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him: and he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets. <sup>39</sup> And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild

vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred them into the pot of pottage: for they knew them not. <sup>40</sup> So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O thou man of God, there is death in the pot. And they could not eat thereof. <sup>41</sup> But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast it into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot.

- A. Mushroom stew that was poisonous
- B. Poured in flour – commanded it to be healed
- C. They ate and were satisfied

#### **IV. Elisha Receives Passover Offering For The Sons Of The Prophets**

**II Kings 4:42-44** <sup>42</sup> And there came a man from Baalshalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat. <sup>43</sup> And his servitor said, What, should I set this before an hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat: for thus saith the Lord, They shall eat, and shall leave thereof. <sup>44</sup> So he set it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof, according to the word of the Lord.

- A. Baalshalisha – near Gilgal
- B. Brings his Passover offering to Elisha and sons of the prophets
- C. Bag of corn and 20 barley loaves
- D. God multiplied food – at word of Elisha!

#### **V. Prophets**

- A. Have a healing ministry
- B. Have a ministry of multiplication
- C. Called to stand against evil
- D. Must be careful not to curse but bless