

2 Kings 1

King James Version (KJV)

NOTE: (The Septuagint calls this Book, 4-Kings, because it names 1&2-Samuel as 1&2-Kings)

1 Then Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab. (They had been subjected to Israel since the days of David) 2Samuel-8:2

2 And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease. (sick = injured) (Baalzebub = lord of the flies) (Ekron was one of the 5 major cities of the Philistines)

3 But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron? (God considered seeking Baalzebub an insult and blasphemy. Ahaziah was as rotten as his parents – Ahab and Jezebel)

(God Himself spoke directly to Elijah in angelic form <the Angel of the Lord>. Moses was one of the only other people that God spoke to in person)

4 Now therefore thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And Elijah departed.

5 And when the messengers turned back unto him, he said unto them, Why are ye now turned back? (They hadn't had time to go back and forth to Ekron. Ahaziah wants to know why they are back so soon)

6 And they said unto him, There came a man up to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that thou sendest to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron? therefore thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. (It is interesting that these heathen servants of Ahaziah believed Elijah at his word and turned back to Israel. They must have known that Elijah spoke the Word of God. Why else would they believe him?)

(You would think that that would be enough for them to repent and return to God; but apparently it wasn't)

⁷ And he said unto them, What manner of man was he which came up to meet you, and told you these words?

⁸ And they answered him, He was an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah the Tishbite.
(Ahaziah recognized Elijah)

(Prophets wore a coat of camel hair or of goat hair and a leather girt – as described of John the Baptist, in Jesus' time) Mathew-3:4

⁹ Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he sat on the top of an hill. And he spake unto him, Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come down. (The king commands you to come in)

¹⁰ And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty. (Elijah is not concerned with what a heathen king commands)

Hebrews-12:29 (God is a consuming fire) Revelation-11:5 (The two witnesses will also have this power from God)

¹¹ Again also he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly.

¹² And Elijah answered and said unto them, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.
(This captain should have known better. 50 or 50 thousand – It doesn't matter. If they stand against God, they will lose)

¹³ And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy sight. (This captain knows better. He must have heard what happened to the first two captains and their men)

¹⁴ Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight.

¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king.

(In Revelation, the two witnesses of God will also wield this power. It is not their power, but the power of Almighty God, that He will allow them) Revelation-11:3-13

¹⁶ And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron, is it not because there is no God in Israel to enquire of his word? therefore thou shalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. (Elijah, speaking to Ahaziah)

¹⁷ So he died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram reigned in his stead in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son. (This Jehoram is a different Jehoram who is ruling Judah. He was probably Ahaziah's younger brother. Jehoram of Judah took the throne of Judah, 2 years before the death of Jehoshaphat, who had gone to Israel to fight the Syrians with Ahab in Ramoth-Gilead)

¹⁸ Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?