

“MIRACLES - WHERE IS THE LORD GOD OF ELIJAH?” [Pt. 3] (1Ki. 21 - 2Ki. 2:14a)

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INTRO: This series is based on a very relevant question Elisha asked God in 2Kings 2:14. So far, we have looked at seven miracles God did through Elijah along with Elijah’s wilderness experience in 1Kings 19. This morning we’re going to look at Elijah’s prophecy to Ahab & Jezebel, three more miracles, and Elijah’s being taken up to heaven in a whirlwind.

ELIJAH’S PROPHECY TO AHAB & JEZEBEL (1Ki. 21).

1. Jezebel arranged for Naboth’s murder because he wouldn’t sell his vineyard to Ahab (vv. 1-16).
2. God told Elijah to go bring the word of the Lord to Ahab, who was in that vineyard (vv. 17-19).
3. The prophecy included calamity and dogs eating Jezebel (vv. 20-26).
4. When Ahab heard this prophecy, he genuinely repented so the calamity was postponed (vv. 27-29).
5. 3 years later, a lying spirit persuaded Ahab to join Jehoshaphat in attacking Ramoth Gilead, where Ahab was struck with an arrow and died (1Ki. 22:20-38).

Miracle #8: Elijah Calls Fire Down From Heaven Two More Times (2Ki. 1:1-17).

1. King Ahaziah fell through the lattice of his upper room, was seriously injured, and sent messengers to inquire of Baal if he would recover (vv. 1-2).
2. An angel told Elijah to go confront Ahaziah for not inquiring of God (v. 3).
3. Elijah told Ahaziah that he would die (v. 4).
4. Three times Ahaziah sent a captain with 50 of his men to Elijah and two of the times Elijah called fire down from heaven and they were killed (vv. 5-12).
5. The third time the captain pleaded with Elijah for mercy, and Elijah granted it when he heard an angel tell him to go with him (vv. 13-15).
6. Elijah prophesied that Ahaziah would die because he sought Baal rather than God, and he died (vv. 16-17).

Miracle #9: The Parting of the Jordan River (2Ki. 2:1-8).

1. Elisha clung to Elijah from Gilgal to Bethel, to Jericho, to the Jordan River (vv. 1-7).
2. Elijah struck the water with his mantle, it divided, and he and Elisha crossed over on dry land (v. 8).

Miracle # 10: Elijah is Taken to Heaven by a Whirlwind (2Ki. 2:9-12).

1. Elijah asked Elisha what he could do for him, & Elisha asked for a double portion of his anointing (v. 9).
2. Elijah said it would be so if Elisha was present when he is taken up from him (v. 10).
3. As they were talking a chariot of fire separated them and Elijah was taken to heaven by a whirlwind (v. 11).
4. That was the last time Elisha saw Elijah, and Elisha mourned (v. 12; see Matt. 17:1-13; Mal. 4:5-6; Lk. 1:17).

WHERE IS THE LORD GOD OF ELIJAH (2Ki. 2:13-14a)?

1. Elisha took up the mantle that had fallen from Elijah, went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan, struck the water with the mantle and said, **“Where is the LORD God of Elijah? ...”** (2Ki. 2:13-14a)
2. There’s a time to grieve & there’s a time to move on!
3. Would miracles cease with Elijah’s departure, or would they continue?
4. We will discover the answer to that question next Sunday!

CONCLUSION: Is the Lord God of Elijah waiting for you to act in faith?