## Lesson 14: 1 Kings 22:52-54 and 2 Kings 1:1 through 3:27 Men of God and Enemies of God

In our last lesson we were introduced to a good king, King Jehoshaphat of Judah. We also learned of the death of King Ahab of Israel.

- 1. Read 1 Kings 22: 52-54. Who became king of Israel after the death of King Ahab?
- 2. Read 2 Kings 1: 1-8 and footnotes. Share any interesting footnotes.
  - a. How did the king of Israel injure himself?
  - b. From whom does he wish to receive a prophesy regarding his chances of recovery?
  - c. How does Elijah find out about the king's predicament?
  - d. How was Elijah dressed?
- 3. Read 2 Kings 1:9-16 and footnotes. Share any footnotes.
  - a. In verses 9-12, the king sent fifty men on two different occasions out to find Elijah. Why did they not return to the King?
  - b. The third group of fifty men again goes out to find Elijah and bring him back to the king. Why does Elijah leave with them?
  - c. Why does the prophet Elijah say that the king will die of his injuries?
- 4. Read 2 Kings 1:17-18. Who is it that becomes king after the death of Ahaziah?
- 5. Read 2 Kings 2:1-14 and footnotes. Share any helpful footnotes.
  - a. Who is aware that Elijah is about to be taken up by the LORD?
  - b. How is Elijah testing Elisha in these verses? Does Elisha pass the test?
  - c. Elijah's last miracle is described in these verses. What is it?
  - d. What request does Elisha make of Elijah?
  - e. What are the conditions Elijah says are necessary for Elisha's request to be made possible?
  - f. How is Elijah taken to heaven? See 2 Kings 2:11.
  - g. What is the first miracle of Elisha?

6. Read 2 Kings 2:15-25 and footnotes. Share any helpful footnotes. a. How do the prophets of Jericho greet Elisha? b. Why do they want to search for Elijah? c. How does Elisha help the people of Jericho? d. How do the young boys show disrespect for Elijah, the LORD's prophet? e. How are the boys punished? 7. Read 2 Kings 3:1-8 and footnotes. Share any helpful footnotes. a. Who are the kings at this time for the following kingdoms? Israel Moab Judah b. Why did the king of Moab rebel against Israel? (2 Kings 3:4-5) 8. Read 2 Kings 3:9-20 and footnotes. a. Which kingdoms have joined forces with the King of Israel? (2 Kings 3: 9) b. What obstacle brings the war party to a halt? c. What does King Jehoshaphat suggest they do? d. Who is it who speaks for the LORD in this story? e. What miracle occurs to show that the LORD's favor rests on these kings? 9. Read 2 Kings 3:21-27 and footnotes. Share any helpful footnotes. a. What did the Moabites believe had happened in the camp of Israel? (3:22-23) b. Who seems to be winning this battle in 2 Kings 3:24-25? c. The king of Moab does two things to help secure a win against Israel. What are they? d. Who won the battle?