Week 1: Last days of Elijah

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Objective:

- God judges Ahaziah the son of Ahab
- Elijah Ascends to Heaven
- Beginning of Elisha's ministry

Resources:

- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary
- Catena Bible Commentary
- Fr Dawoud Lamie Bible study (Arabic)

Reading:

- ◦ 2 Kings 1:1-17
  ◦ 2 Kings 2:1-25

Key verse(s):

- "Elisha said, “Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me” 2 Kings 2:9

Comments:

- Ahaziah is judged like his father Ahab.
- The first two fifty servants did not respect God's man, Elijah, and thus God sent fire.
- Elijah ascends to the heavens through the fire chariot. Only Elijah and Enoch were taken up in the body.
- Elisha prayed for double the portion of Elijah's spirit. He asked for this as he needs support in his ministry.
- The bears came out as a punishment for mocking God's man.
- Elisha's series of miracles starts. He turned the bad water into good water by a bowl of salt

Review/recap questions:
***Servant may add more questions*

1. Why did Elijah spare the life of the 3rd group of fifties and their captain?
2. Compare between Elijah and Moses in parting the water.

3. Did the youth of Bethel deserve the curse? Why?

Homework:

***Servant may add more questions**

1. From whom did Ahaziah want to know if he will recover from his injury?
   a) Elijah b) Baal-Zebub c) God d) the high priests
2. What did Elijah do to the first fifty men and their captain?
   a) blessed them b) cursed them c) asked for fire to consume them d) prayed for them
3. What happened to Elijah?
   a) he died of old age b) he was taken into Heaven c) he traveled to another city d) he was killed
4. Elisha turned the bad water into good water by:
   a) throwing salt into the water b) filtering the water c) putting the water in new containers

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