

II KINGS 2:19-25

AT JERICHO (19-22)

Bad water blessed—God delivers His people

AT BETHEL (23-25)

Bad boys cursed--God brings disaster on His people





As they were going along and talking, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire and horses of fire which separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind to heaven. (2:11)

CH. 2 Geographical Pattern

Elijah and Elisha	Bethel (2)
	Jericho (4)
	Jordan River (6)
Elisha alone	Jordan River (13)
	Jericho (19)
	Bethel (23)



He also took up the mantle of Elijah that fell from him and returned and stood by the bank of the Jordan . . . and struck the waters and said, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" And when he also had struck the waters, they were divided here and there; and Elisha crossed over. (2:14,15)



ISRAEL

Bethel.

JUDAH

Sea of Galilee

Jordan River

Gilgal

Jericho

Dead Sea

Elisha begins to retrace earlier route he took with Elijah, as he crosses the Jordan and goes to Jericho





And the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel crossed on dry ground, until all the nation had finished crossing the Jordan.

Josh. 6:26,27



But then Joshua made them take an oath at that time, saying, “Cursed before the LORD is the man who rises up and builds this city Jericho; with the loss of his firstborn he shall lay its foundation, and with the loss of his youngest son he shall set up its gates” . . . So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame was in all the land.

Josh. 6:26,27

In his days Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho; he laid its foundations with the loss of Abiram his firstborn, and set up its gates with the loss of his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which He spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.

I Kgs. 16:34





ISRAEL

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Sea of
Galilee

Jordan River

Gilgal

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Dead Sea

**Now from
Jericho
to Bethel.**



... he cursed them in the name of the LORD. Then two female bears came out of the woods and tore up forty-two lads of their number.


What's the moral of this story?

Don't make fun of bald people. Frankly, why this story isn't included along with the Ten Commandments is anybody's guess, but I think it would serve as an excellent lesson for children who think baldness is something to be made fun of.









“Come down!” . . . He was a hairy man with a leather girdle bound about his loins.”

1:8

“Go up, you baldhead; go up, you baldhead!”

2:23



'But if you do not obey Me and do not carry out all these commandments, if instead you reject My statutes, and if your soul abhors My ordinances so as not to carry out all My commandments, and so break My covenant . . . 'I will let loose among you the beasts of the field, which will bereave you of your children and destroy your cattle and reduce your number so that your roads lie deserted.

Lev. 26:14,15,22