

Heated Words From The Fiery Prophet
II Kings 1

Messengers meet Elijah. . .he tells them Ahaziah will die. 1-8

- ◆ National / personal crisis for Ahaziah--contrast with Hezekiah later.
- ◆ Sending for help w/illness is recurrent: 5:1-14, 8:29, I Kgs. 14:1-3
- ◆ Messengers evoke a messenger (*angel*) with a cold message.

Military escort meets Elijah. . .he toasts them and they die. 9-10

- ◆ Ahaziah's authority is challenged by this aborted mission.
- ◆ Ahaziah's motives? See I Kgs. 13:1-7, 17:1-3,9,10, 22:15-28

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- ◆ Why all this fiery violence? Is it right? Is it Elijah's fault?
- ◆ Why is God so upset? 3x: *Is it because there is no God. . .*(3,6,16)
- ◆ Why fire-thing again? Recall the I Kgs. 18 polemic against Baal.

Military escorts Elijah to Ahaziah. . .who is told he will die. 13-17

- ◆ "According to the word of the Lord"—our oft' repeated theme!
- ◆ Ahaziah's reign = 2 years, and his younger brother is enthroned.



Can we be even less innocent as the seared soldiers here? How so? And if so, what should we expect?

This type of “power-prophesying” against an evil government will be dramatically seen again in Rev. 11:3-6