

## ELISHA'S LAST MIRACLE (Postmortem)

### 2 Kings 13:14-25

#### I. THE KING HONORS ELISHA (14)

##### A. Grieves at His Death Bed—recognizes the national value of God's prophet

1. Pays an Official Visit
2. Weeps over Him

##### B. My Father, My Father—relational; inferior to superior

1. Title of General Respect (5:13)—shows **deference** either to **age** or to **rank**
2. Position of Spiritual Importance (2:12)—a **teacher** or **mentor**
  - a. Authority—to **instruct, command, rule**; as professor, spiritual leader
  - b. Affection
3. Ideal of Mature, Manly Virtue—a **leader** who **takes responsibility** for the **safety, provision, nurture, discipline** and **direction of others**
  - a. Fatherhood is something to be *desired*.
  - b. Fatherhood is a position of great responsibility.
  - c. Fatherhood is a position of authority that is worthy of respect.
4. Fatherhood does not have to be biological.

##### C. The Chariots and Horsemen of Israel—the mighty defender of Israel; Israel's spiritual strength, connection to divine aid of the Heavenly Host

1. Elijah's Honor Escort (2:11)
2. Elisha's Heavenly Protectors (6:16-17)
3. Israel's Supernatural Defenders (7:6; 1 Chron 14:15)

## II. THE PROPHECIES ABOUT SYRIA (15-19)

A. Shooting the Bow (15-17; Ps 18:34; 144:1)—the prophet's guidance and promise:

1. A Commission to Attack the Syrians, even though the physical army of Israel is inferior.
2. A Promise of Success, because the LORD will give him the victory.

B. Striking the Arrows (18-19)—number of subsequent victories, evidence of character

1. To see how the king will make use of the blessing
2. He will not completely destroy the Syrian threat.

## III. THE MIRACLE OF ELISHA'S BONES (20-21)

A. Honored by God ()—this was a mighty, holy man!

B. Evidence of the Afterlife —life with God continues after death of the righteous.

C. Authentication of His Ministry —from God; what he said was true

D. Foreshadowing of Christ's Ministry

1. The Holiness and Power of Jesus
2. The Authentication and Efficacy of His Ministry
3. Our source of Comfort and Confidence