

# BIBLE STUDY

4/16/15

Psalm 77 and Parallelism

- <sup>1</sup> My voice rises to God, and I will cry aloud;  
My voice rises to God, and He will hear me.
- <sup>2</sup> In the day of my trouble I sought the LORD;  
In the night my hand was stretched out without weariness;  
My soul refused to be comforted.
- <sup>11</sup> I shall remember the deeds of Yahweh;  
Surely I will remember Your wonders of old.
- <sup>12</sup> I will meditate on all Your work,  
And muse on Your deeds.
- <sup>16</sup> The waters saw You, O God;  
The waters saw you they were in anguish;  
The deeps also trembled.
- <sup>17</sup> The clouds poured out water;  
The skies gave forth thunder;  
Your arrows flashed here and there.
- <sup>18</sup> The sound of Your thunder was in the whirlwind;  
The lightning lit up the world;  
The earth trembled and shook.
- <sup>19</sup> Your way was on the sea,  
And Your paths on the mighty waters,  
And Your footprints cannot be seen.
- <sup>20</sup> You led Your people like a flock  
By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

2 Kings 1 in Play Form

**NARRATOR:** Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber, which was in Samaria, and became ill. So he sent for messengers.

AHAZIAH: Go, inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I will recover from this sickness.

NARRATOR: But the angel of YAHWEH spoke to Elijah the Tishbite.

ANGEL OF YAHWEH: Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria and say to them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel *that* you are going to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron?' Now therefore thus says the LORD, 'You shall not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'

NARRATOR: Then Elijah departed [and did what YAHWEH had told him to do]. When the messengers returned to Ahaziah he spoke to them.

AHAZIAH: Why have you returned?

MESSENGERS: A man came up to meet us and said to us, 'Go, return to the king who sent you and say to him, "Thus says YAHWEH, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel *that* you are sending to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but shall surely die.'

AHAZIAH: What kind of man was he who came up to meet you and spoke these words to you?

MESSENGERS: *He was a hairy man with a leather girdle bound about his loins."*

AHAZIAH: It is Elijah the Tishbite."

NARRATOR: Then *the king* sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him, and behold, he was sitting on the top of the hill.

CAPTAIN (to Elijah): O man of God, the king says, 'Come down.'

ELIJAH: If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty.

NARRATOR: Then fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

NARRATOR: So AHAZIAH again sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty.

2<sup>nd</sup> CAPTAIN: O man of God, thus says the king, 'Come down quickly.'

ELIJAH: If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty.

NARRATOR: Then the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

So he again sent the captain of a third fifty with his fifty. When the third captain of fifty went up, he came and bowed down on his knees before Elijah, and begged him and spoke to him.

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3<sup>rd</sup> CAPTAIN: O man of God, please let my life and the lives of these fifty servants of yours be precious in your sight. 'Behold fire came down from heaven and consumed the first two captains of fifty with their fifties; but now let my life be precious in your sight.

NARRATOR: The angel of YAHWEH spoke to Elijah.

ANGEL OF YAHWEH (to Elijah): Go down with him; do not be afraid of him.

NARRATOR: So he arose and went down with him to the king.

ELIJAH (to Ahaziah): Thus says the LORD, 'Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron—is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of His word?—therefore you shall not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but shall surely die.'"

NARRATOR: So Ahaziah died according to the word of YAHWEH which Elijah had spoken.