

INTRODUCTION TO KEYS

CLASS 2 REPETITION

DUMB OR DUMBER

2 Kings 1

2 And Ahaziah the king of Israel fell from the window of his upper chamber which was in Samaria, and became ill. So he sent messengers and said to them, "Go, inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I will recover from this sickness."

3 But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Prophet, "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.'" Then Elijah departed.

5 When the messengers returned to the king he said to them, "Why have you returned so soon?" 6 They said to him, "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 the LORD, '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.'"

7 The king said to them, "What kind of man was he who came up to meet you and spoke these words to you?" 8 They answered him, "He was a hairy man with a leather belt around his waist." And he said, "It is Elijah the prophet!!!!" 9 Then the king sent to Elijah a captain of fifty men with his fifty men. And the captain went up to Elijah, and behold, Elijah was sitting on the top of the hill. And the captain said to him, "O man of God, the king says, 'Come down.'" 10 Elijah replied to the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men." Then fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty men.

11 So the king again sent to Elijah another captain of fifty men with his fifty men. And the captain said to Elijah, "O man of God, thus says the king, 'Come down quickly.'" 12 Elijah replied to them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men." Then the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed the captain and his fifty men.

13 So the king again sent a third captain of fifty men with his fifty men. When the third captain of fifty men went up, he came and bowed down on his knees before Elijah, and begged him and said to him, "O man of God, please let my life and the lives of these fifty servants of yours be precious in your sight. 14 Behold fire came down from heaven and consumed the first two captains of fifty with their fifty men; but now let my life be precious in your sight." 15 The angel of the LORD said to Elijah, "Go down with him; do not be afraid of him." So Elijah arose and went down with the captain to the king.

16 Then Elijah said to the king, "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.'"

So he died

A Play of 1 Samuel 5

Narrator: Now the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it from the battlefield to the Philistine city of Ashdod. Then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it to the house of Dagon and set it by Dagon. When the ashdodites arose early the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen on his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD. So they took Dagon and set him in his place again. But when they arose early the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen on his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD. And the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off on the threshold; only the trunk of Dagon was left to him. Now the hand of the LORD was heavy on the Ashdodites, and He ravaged them and smote them with tumors, both Ashdod and its territories. When the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said,

Men of Ashdod: The ark of the God of Israel must not remain with us, for His hand is severe on us and on Dagon our god.

Narrator: So they sent and gathered all the leaders of the Philistines to them, and said,

Men of Ashdod: Let the ark of the God of Israel be brought around to Gath (another Philistine city).

Narrator: And they brought the ark of the God of Israel to Gath. After it was brought to Gath the hand of the LORD was against Gath with very great confusion; and the LORD smote the men of the city, both young and old, so that tumors broke out on them. So they sent the ark of God to Ekron (another Philistine city). And as the ark of God came to Ekron the Ekronites cried out, saying,

Men of Ekron: They have brought the ark of the God of Israel around to us, to kill us and our people.

Narrator: They sent therefore and gathered all the rulers of the Philistines and said,

Rulers of the Philistines: Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it return to its own place, so that it will not kill us and our people.

Narrator: For there was a deadly confusion throughout the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.

Cain and Abel Story

Genesis 4

1 Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, "I have gotten a manchild with the help of the LORD." 2 Again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3 So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground. 4 Abel, on his part also brought of the first of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offerings; 5 but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. 6 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? 7 If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it." 8 Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. 9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" 10 The LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground. 11 Now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.