

IGNORING GOD IN YOUR TIME OF NEED

2 Kings 1

- I. **KING AHAZIAH SOUGHT BAAL ABOUT HIS INJURIES INSTEAD OF GOD (2 KINGS 1:1-8).**
 - A. Ahaziah fell through his roof, so he sent men to consult the false god Baal about his future (1:1-2).
 - B. Elijah intercepted the king's messengers telling them Ahaziah would die (1:3-8).
 - God interrupts us to stop us or help us.
- II. **AHAZIAH SUMMONED ELIJAH, WHO BROUGHT GOD'S JUDGMENT ON THE KING'S SOLDIERS (2 KINGS 1:9-15).**
 - A. Ahaziah sent two platoons of 50 soldiers to get Elijah, but God destroyed them with fire (1:9-12).
 - B. God spared the 3rd platoon led by a humble officer - then Elijah went to see Ahaziah (1:13-15).
 - Leaders who arrogantly ignore God cause suffering.
 - Leaders who humbly respect God protect others.
- III. **ELIJAH REBUKED AHAZIAH FOR IGNORING GOD IN HIS TIME OF NEED. SO AHAZIAH DIED (2 KINGS 1:16-18).**
 - To know God, but ignore Him is to disobey Him.