

## **Acts of Elisha**

2 Kings 2:19-25

2 Kings 4:1-7

2 Kings 6:1-7

2 Kings 4:38-44

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The people of Jericho had a problem. Their water was undrinkable and was killing their crops. Elisha threw salt into the spring that supplied their water. Instantly it became pure and wholesome.

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One day Elisha was taunted by a group of boys, "Go away, baldy." They showed no respect for God's representative and thought him powerless because of his bald head. Elisha cursed them in the name of the Lord. Two she-bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of them.

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A prophet, one of Elisha's Company of Prophets, died. His wife said, "A creditor is threatening to take my two children as slaves."

Elisha asked, "What do you have in the house?"

"Nothing except a small flask of oil."

"Collect as many empty jars as you can, pour oil into them, sell the oil, pay your husband's debt, and live off the rest of the money."

She did as he said, and her small flask did not run dry until all the jars she had collected were full of oil.

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The Company of Prophets was building a new meeting place. One man was chopping down a tree when his ax head came off and fell into the Jordan River. Elisha cut a stick and threw it into the water. The iron ax head floated to the surface.

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During a famine Elisha ordered his servant to make stew for the Company of Prophets. The servant cut up some gourds and put them in the stew even though he didn't know what they were. As the prophets began to eat the stew, they cried out, "There's death in the pot." Elisha threw some flour into the stew, and it was no longer poisonous.

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A man brought Elisha twenty loaves of bread. Elisha said, "Give it to these one hundred men. The Lord says they will eat their fill and there will be leftovers." And it happened just as the Lord said it would.