

The Death of Ahaziah

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Ahaziah king of Israel fell through the lattice of a second story window in his palace and was severely injured. He sent messengers to ask a Philistine god if he would recover. The messengers returned much sooner than expected. "The prophet Elijah met us on the road and sent us back to tell you, 'You will never get up from your bed.' "

Ahaziah sent fifty men and their captain to get Elijah and bring him back. The prophet was sitting on top of a hill. The captain called out, "Man of God, come down. The king has summoned you."

Elijah replied, "If I am a man of God, may fire come down from heaven to consume you." Fire immediately fell from the sky killing the captain and his fifty men.

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Ahaziah sent yet another fifty men and their captain. The captain knelt in front of Elijah pleading, "Man of God, I and my men are your servants. Please don't let us die like the others."

The Lord told Elijah, "Don't be afraid. Go with him."

When Elijah arrived in Samaria, he told Ahaziah, "Because you have turned to a pagan deity instead of trusting in the Lord, you are going to die."

Ahaziah king of Israel died. His brother-in-law Jehoram, who was married to Ahaziah's sister Athaliah, and who already co-ruled Judah with his father Jehoshaphat, took the thrown of Israel.