

Cursed by the Bald One

2 Kings 2:16-25

1. Who Trusts in the _____ of God (v. 16-18)
 - a. Unlike the _____ prophets
 - i. Who may have _____ God's Word
 - ii. Who may have _____ to trust God's Word
 - b. Confirming his _____ stature
 - i. Confirmed: God's _____ through him
 - ii. Established: God's _____ through him
2. Who Trusts the _____ of God's Word (v. 19-22)
 - a. The _____ of Jericho
 - i. The cursed _____
 1. _____'s curse (Joshua 6:26)
 2. _____ curse (1 Kings 16:34)
 - ii. The cursed _____ – "miscarrying" land
 - b. The _____ of Jericho
 - i. _____ and the new bowl
 1. Symbol of _____ & life
 2. Sign of the lasting _____
 - ii. The Word of the _____
3. Who Defends the _____ of God's Word (v. 23-25)
 - a. The significance of _____
 - i. Named by _____ (Genesis 28:11-32)
 - ii. Center of _____ (1 Kings 12:26-33)
 - b. The _____ of children
 - c. The _____ of God
 - i. The boys _____ this curse
 - ii. It was a _____ curse (Leviticus 26:21-22)
 - iii. LORD _____ it (covenant bears)

Joshua laid an oath on them at that time, saying, “Cursed before the LORD be the man who rises up and rebuilds this city, Jericho. ‘At the cost of his firstborn shall he lay its foundation, and at the cost of his youngest son shall he set up its gates.’

Joshua 6:26

In his days Hiel of Bethel built Jericho. He laid its foundation at the cost of Abiram his firstborn, and set up its gates at the cost of his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the LORD which he spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.

1 Kings 16:34

All the holy contributions that the people of Israel present to the LORD I give to you, and to your sons and daughters with you, as a perpetual due. It is a covenant of salt forever before the LORD for you and for your offspring with you.

Numbers 18:19

Then if you walk contrary to me and will not listen to me, I will continue striking you, sevenfold for your sins. And I will let loose the wild beasts against you, which shall bereave you of your children and destroy your livestock and make you few in number, so that your roads shall be deserted.

Leviticus 26:21-22

Follow-Up Quote

“Elisha pronounces a swift curse on the group, and bears maul forty-two of the boys. This punishment comes a punishment of the Lord, in whose name the curse was offered (cf. Lev. 26:21-22). The youths were typical of a nation that ‘mocked God’s messengers, despised his words, and scoffed at his prophets’ (2 Chr. 36:16).”

(Paul R. House, *The New American Commentary: 1, 2 Kings*, 1995, p. 260-261)