

Chariot of Fire Elementary Devotion

Elijah's ministry was coming to an end and a new prophet had been selected. Elijah and Elisha walked together. They both knew that Elijah was going to leave very soon.

They kept walking along and talking together. Suddenly a chariot and horses appeared. Fire was all around them. The chariot and horses came between the two men. Then Elijah went up to heaven in a strong wind. - **2 Kings 2:11**

The 50 prophets standing across the Jordan River did not see this heavenly vision. But God allowed Elisha to see his teacher taken up into heaven. This gave Elisha the assurance that he would receive the double portion of God's Spirit that he had asked for.

Elisha was terribly sad to see the teacher that he loved and admired leave. As Elijah was taken up into heaven in the whirlwind, his prophet's coat fell to the ground. Elisha leaned down and picked it up. This was a sign that Elijah's responsibilities were being given to Elisha. By this coat, others would see that Elisha was taking Elijah's place as the most important prophet of that time.

Elisha walked back to the river's edge. He, too, struck the water with the prophet's coat. The waters parted once again, and he walked back across on dry ground. This was the beginning of Elisha's faithful service to God. Like his teacher, Elisha would do many amazing things. He would perform many miracles and healings. God had equipped Elijah with everything he needed in order to carry out His plan.

God will never ask you to do something without giving you what you need to accomplish it. If you need strength, He will give it (**Read Psalm 29:11**). If you need courage, He will give it (**Read Joshua 1:9**). If you need the words to speak, He will give them (**Read 1 Corinthians 2:13**). Depend on the Lord to supply all of your needs as you serve Him.