

**Setting**

Locate the following places on the Bible map:

- Israel
- Judah
- Samaria
- Moab
- Ekron
- Philistia

**Key Terms and People**

**Ahaziah:** Eighth king of the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Reigned 853–852 B.C.

**Elijah:** Prophet of God from Tishbe. His name means “My God is Yahweh.”

**Baal-Zebub:** A name for Baal that means “Lord of the Flies,” “Lord of Shame,” or “Exalted Lord.” The Philistines of Ekron worshipped many different gods, including this one.

**Angel of the LORD:** Either an angel from the Lord or the Angel of the LORD, often identified as a pre-incarnate Christ. He speaks for Yahweh and directs Elijah’s ministry.



**Story Moments**

*Ahaziah Seeks to Know the Future*

**1:1.** What takes place after the death of Ahab?<sup>26</sup>

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**1:2.** What accident does Ahaziah have and what is the result? \_\_\_\_\_

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What does Ahaziah want to know about his injury? \_\_\_\_\_

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Where does he send his messengers to find out this information? (See 1 Kings 16:31–33 on Israel’s previous Baal worship) \_\_\_\_\_

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*Elijah Prophesies Against Ahaziah*

**1:3–4.** What does the Lord command Elijah to say when he confronts Ahaziah’s messengers?

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What punishment does Ahaziah receive? \_\_\_\_\_

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**1:5–8.** When the messengers return (without ever making it to Ekron), what question does Ahaziah ask them? \_\_\_\_\_

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How does he know Elijah was the one who met them on the road? \_\_\_\_\_

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*Ahaziah Seeks to Capture Elijah*

**1:9–10.** Who does the king send to capture Elijah? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you think he sends so many people to capture Elijah? \_\_\_\_\_

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Where do they find Elijah? \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>26</sup> Note that the details of Moab’s rebellion are found in 2 Kings 3.

What does the captain command Elijah in the name of the king? \_\_\_\_\_

How does Elijah respond? \_\_\_\_\_

**1:11–12.** How does the message from Ahaziah change with the second captain of fifty? \_\_\_\_\_

How does Elijah respond? \_\_\_\_\_

**1:13–14.** Describe the demeanor of the third captain of fifty: \_\_\_\_\_

What request does he make to Elijah? \_\_\_\_\_

**1:15.** What does the angel of the Lord instruct Elijah to do? \_\_\_\_\_

**1:16.** What message does Elijah give the captain? \_\_\_\_\_

*Ahaziah's Demise*

**1:17.** How did Ahaziah die? \_\_\_\_\_

How does this prove the Lord is God? \_\_\_\_\_

**Ask Yourself**

Ahaziah demonstrated whom he trusted when he was afraid for his life. Who do I turn to when I panic? Do I turn to praying to the Lord or seeking help from somewhere else?

Why does God demand we worship no other gods beside Him (Exodus 34:14; Deuteronomy 4:24)? While I may not be tempted to worship Baal-Zebub, I may be tempted to worship and value things, people, or experiences over God. Are there any potential idols in my life?

**Study Helps and Cross References**

*Kings of Judah and Israel*

<i>Dates (approx.)</i>	<i>Unified Kingdom</i>			<i>Dates (approx.)</i>	
1051–1011	<i>House of Saul</i>	Saul	<i>House of Saul</i>	1051–1011	
1011–971	<i>House of David</i>	David	<i>House of David</i>	1011–971	
971–931		Solomon		971–931	
	<i>Southern Kingdom</i>		<i>Northern Kingdom</i>		
931–915	<i>House of David</i>	Rehoboam	Jeroboam I	931–911	
915–912		Abijam	Nadab	<i>House of Jeroboam</i>	
912–871		Asa	Baasha	<i>House of Issachar</i>	910–877
			Elah		887–886
				Zimri	886
871–849		Jehoshaphat	Omri	<i>House of Omri</i>	886–875
849–842	Jehoram	Ahab	875–853		
		Joram	<b>Ahaziah</b>		853–852
			Joram	852–841	

*Cross References*

Exodus 34:14

(for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God),

Deuteronomy 4:24

For the LORD your God *is* a consuming fire, a jealous God.