

Do you know what he meant by these strange words?

Was Joash a good king?

In what did he fail? **He did not give his whole heart to God.**

Why did he weep over Elisha?

What do half-hearted Christians often feel?

A desire to belong entirely to God.

What did Elisha tell the king to do?

Which way did he tell him to shoot?

What did he call the arrow which he shot?

What did he mean? **That the Lord would give him victory over the Syrians.**

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

(For the entire school.)

1. What did Elisha tell Joash to do? **"Take bow and arrows."**

2. When Joash had shot the arrow what did Elisha say? **"The arrow of the Lord's deliverance."**

3. Why was Elisha wroth when Joash stayed after smiting the ground thrice? **Because he had not smitten more.**

4. What did Elisha say to Joash? **"Thou shalt smite Syria but thrice."**

5. What happened to the man who was cast into the sepulcher of Elisha? **He revived.**

6. What is our GOLDEN TEXT? **"Precious," etc.**

NEW CHURCH CATECHISM.

27. What are the conditional benefits which flow from the Atonement?

The conditional benefits which flow from the Atonement are justification, adoption, regeneration, sanctification, and eternal glory.

1 Corinthians i. 30. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification and redemption,

Romans viii. 29, 30.

THE LESSON OUTLINE.

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The Man of God in Death.

I. HIS PUBLIC WORTH.

The chariot of Israel. v. 14.

Set thee over the nations. Jer. 1. 10.

Hewed....by the prophets. Hosea 6. 5.

II. HIS PATRIOTIC INTEREST.

Thine hand upon the bow. v. 16.

Prosper that love thee. Psalm 122. 6-9.

Accursed....for my brethren. Rom. 9. 1-5.

III. HIS PROPHETIC FAITH.

The Lord's deliverance. v. 17-19.

The victory....our faith. 1 John 5. 4.

More than conquerors. Rom. 8. 37.

IV. HIS POWER AFTER DEATH.

1. *Elisha died....they buried him.* v. 20.

Prophets, do they live. Zech. 1. 5.

2. *Touched....revived.* v. 21.

Works do follow them. Rev. 14. 13.

V. HIS PROPHECY FULFILLED.

1. *The Lord was gracious.* v. 23.

A God like unto thee. Micah 7. 18.

2. *Recovered the cities.* v. 25.

Holpen his servant. Luke 1. 54.

EXPLANATORY AND PRACTICAL NOTES.

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The revolution in Israel wrought by Jehu did not at first result in prosperity. Jehu saw his kingdom stripped of its eastern provinces by the Syrians under King Hazael, and his son Jehoahaz was forced into the condition of a vassal to Syria. But the tide turned under the able rule of Joash, Jehu's grandson. We can well believe that in the breaking of the Syrian yoke and in the advancement of Israel the aged prophet Elisha was closely associated with the young king, and wrought hand in hand with him. Now the time has come for Elisha to die. Beside the couch of the venerable man of God Joash utters the cry which Elisha himself had lifted up when he saw his master Elijah ascending the skies, "My father, my father! the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof." In the prophet of God was the true strength and defense of the land. But Elisha's last thoughts were not for himself. He ordered the window to be opened toward the land conquered by the Syrians. Placing his withered hand upon the king's hand, he bade him shoot the arrow which should betoken the coming deliverance. Then he commanded him to strike the arrows upon the ground. With hesitating faith the monarch smote only three times, and so lost his opportunity to destroy his ancient adversary. All these acts were symbols—prophecies of what was to come. After the prophet's death he thrice defeated the Syrians, who were no longer led by

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