

Why was Elisha displeased?  
What did the king lose by his failure?

**3. A Sacred Sepulcher.** v. 20, 21.

What befell Elisha?  
What calamity fell upon Israel?  
How was a funeral graciously disturbed?  
What was done with the dead man's body?  
What miracle followed?

**4. A Fulfilled Prophecy.** v. 22-25.

Who was Israel's greatest enemy?  
Who their greatest defense?  
Why did the Lord graciously regard them?  
Who succeeded Hazael as king of Syria?  
What did the son of Jehoahaz recover from the Syrians?

**Teachings of the Lesson.**

Where in this lesson do we learn—

1. That good men are honored in their death?
2. That partial obedience cannot become a perfect blessing?
3. That a good man's influence reaches beyond his life?

**QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.**

Who was king in Israel while Jehoahaz was king in Judah? **Joash.**  
Was the kingdom of Israel at peace with Syria now?

**No; it was in great danger.**

Where was the good prophet who had saved them from the Syrians before? **He was an old man now, at his home, sick unto death.**

What did Joash do? **He went to see him, bent over him, and wept.**

What did he say? **"O my father, my father! the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof."**

Do you remember who had said these same words before, and when?

What did they mean? **That both Elijah and Elisha had been more to Israel than chariots and horsemen.**

How did Elisha show Joash that God would care for Israel after his death? **He had him fit an arrow to a bow and open the window toward Syria.**

What did he do then? **Put his dying hands on the king's hands and told him to shoot the arrow.**

As it flew out of the window toward Syria what did Elisha say? **"You shall have victory over the Syrians and destroy them."**

What did Elisha tell him to do next? **Strike the arrows upon the ground.**

Because he struck only three times what did Elisha tell him? **That he should gain only three victories over the Syrians.**

What now became of Elisha? **He died, and they buried him.**

As the people were burying a man near Elisha, a year after, what happened? **A band of enemies came in sight, and they, in haste, put the dead body into Elisha's grave.**

As this dead body touched Elisha's dead body what came to pass? **The man lived again and stood on his feet.**

What did this prove about Elisha? [Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.]

**Words with Little People.**

How many things can you remember of the wonderful life of Elisha? The secret of all his power was, that he were God, and kept so near to him that God could talk to him and use him to do these great things for him. God wants his holy, useful life to be an example to you. It may be he intends to make some of you to be great. Surely he wants you all to be true, noble men and women, and to do a great deal of good in your place; and you cannot, unless you get acquainted with God, as Elisha did. Will you begin to know him now?

**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."**

**CATECHISM QUESTION.**

38. What do you mean by the word sacrament?

I mean an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace given unto us, ordained by Christ himself, as a means whereby we receive the same, and a pledge to assure us thereof.

**ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE.**

**Power in Death.**

**I. THE KING ASSURED.**

1. *Joash the king.*... *v. 14.*  
"Blessed... that mourn." Matt. 5. 4.
2. *Elisha said.*... *take bow.* v. 14.  
"Teacheth my hands to war." Ps. 144. 1.
3. *Arrow of the Lord's deliverance.* v. 17.  
"He removeth... and setteth up." Dan. 2. 21.
4. *And he said.* *Smite.* v. 18.  
"Be strong and of a good courage." Deut. 31. 6.
5. *He smote thrice, and stayed.* v. 18.  
"Not be weary in well-doing." Gal. 6. 9.
6. *Thou shalt smite Syria.*... *thrice.* v. 19.  
"This is the victory... even our faith." 1 John 5. 4.

**II. THE DEAD REVIVED.**

1. *Elisha died, and they buried him.* v. 20.  
"The prophets, do they live forever?" Zech. 1. 5.
2. *They were burying a man.* v. 21.  
"Man goeth to his long home." Eccl. 12. 5.
3. *Touched the bones of Elisha.* v. 21.  
"I am the resurrection and the life." John 11. 25.
4. *Revived and stood up.* v. 21.  
"They dead men shall live." Isa. 26. 19.

**III. THE LAND DELIVERED.**

1. *The Lord was gracious.* v. 22.  
"Who is a God like unto thee?" Micah 7. 18.
2. *Because of his covenant.* v. 23.  
"The oath which he sware." Luke 1. 73.
3. *Would not destroy them.* v. 23.  
"Will not cast off forever." Lam. 3. 31, 32.
4. *Recovered the cities of Israel.* v. 25.  
"Hath helped his servant Israel." Luke 1. 54.

**THOUGHTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.**

**The Death of a Man of God.**

1. The man of God is appreciated when he dies if not before. Often men who have sneered at a Christian, and have seemed to despise him, in their hearts reverence him, and when he dies show honor toward him. v. 14.

2. The man of God dies as he has lived. He who has spent his life in doing good thinks of others rather than of himself when he comes to die, and he who has lived for God enjoys God's presence in the dying hour. v. 15-19.

3. The man of God when dying often possesses a strange insight into God's plans, and catches gleams of events to come, as if a light from heaven rests upon his face. v. 15-19.

4. The man of God has power after death. The work he has done goes on, the influence he has exerted is not lost, and men feel his power when he has left the world. v. 20, 21.

5. The true strength of a people is its godly men. Elisha was "the chariot of Israel" in his day, and the safety of our land to-day is in its men of God, who save the nation from the wrath of heaven.