

# The deadly BEARS incident

in 2 Kings 2:23-24 **was** / is ...

“Then he [Elisha] went up from there to Bethel; and as he was going up the road, some youths came from the city and mocked him, and said to him, “Go up [like Elijah did], you baldhead! Go up [if YOU can], you baldhead [YOU weak old man]!” So he turned around and looked at them, and pronounced a curse on them in the name of the LORD. And two female bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the youths.” (2 Kings 2:23-24)

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about the lack of

faith and godly fear

(fill in the blank)

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an avoidable

(fill in the blank)

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because of

(fill in the blank)

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both

(fill in the blank)

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difficult to reconcile

with Matthew 5:44

(fill in the blank)

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in line with

the topic in 1 Tim. 4:12

(fill in the blank)

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like contemporary

(fill in the blank)

Descriptive



Meditation

more about disbelieving youths  
than about angry mother bears

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near the beginning

of Elisha's ministry

(fill in the blank)

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not about

young children

(fill in the blank)

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not nearly as

(fill in the blank)

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sad but

just & thought-provoking

(fill in the blank)

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somewhat like the

deaths in Acts 5:1-11

(fill in the blank)

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similar to the

(fill in the blank)

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the flip side of

(fill in the blank)

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to help show

(fill in the blank)

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a warning

to disbelievers (then & now)

(fill in the blank)

**Directions:** after reading through 2 Kings 2:19-25, describe the deadly incident with the two female bears by filling in the blank lines above with the following suggested answers. — deadly incident in 2 Kings 7:17, disbelief in the rapture (1 Cor. 15:51-52), long as other Elisha stories, loss of life, miraculous and natural, mocking God, that Elisha was God's prophet, and the healing of the water in 2:19-22. At the end of the study, discuss the most important descriptive phrases. — © 2022 by Jon F. Mahar, Hakusan City, Japan and Alexander, Maine, U.S.A.