

## **A GOD-BROKER** **- II Kings 3**

### **A God-Broker helps burdened and broken people**

#### **I. THE SITUATION** (1-9)

*- What brought these kings to Elisha?*

##### A. A NEW KING (1-3)

- Less evil than Ahab

##### B. A REBEL KING (4-5)

- Mesha the king of Moab had quit paying tribute

##### C. ALLIED KINGS (6-8)

1. Their Partnership (6-7)
2. Their Plan (8)

##### D. THIRSTY KINGS (9)

#### **II. THE RESPONSES** (10-15)

*- How do people respond to sudden difficulties and distress?*

##### A. A GOD-BLAMER (10)

1. Despairs: Dismayed and in despair when disaster comes
2. Gives Up: He assumes that they will be delivered into Moab's hands
3. Accuses: This is God's fault

##### B. A GOD-BELIEVER (11)

1. Seeks God
2. Discontinues disastrous decisions
  - Neglect of duty should not encourage its continuance
3. He understands that sin has consequences – there is no water

##### C. A GOD-BROKER (11b -15)

1. His Reputation Shines (11b-12a)
2. His position is known (12a)
3. He Rebukes Sin (13)
  - Rebuke comes before the revelation
4. He Regards the Godly (14)
5. He Reveals God's Will (15)

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### III. **THE REVELATION** (16-19)

- *The God-broker helped them discover God's plan*

#### A. GOD'S PRESCRIPTION

1. Dig (16) > They had to work and obey
2. Attack (19)

#### B. GOD'S PROMISE

1. You will have water (17-18a)
2. You will have victory (18b) > God promised something about which they had not asked

### IV. **THE CONCLUSION** (20-27)

#### A. THERE WAS WATER (20)

#### B. THERE WAS WAR (21-25)

- Moab's delusion (21-23) and defeat (24-25)

#### C. THERE WAS WICKEDNESS (26-27)

1. The Moabite King succumbs (26)
2. The Moabites King sacrifices (27)
3. The Moabite King offends (27b)

### V. **SOME LESSONS**

A. When there is no God-broker God's guidance is not sought and God's blessings cannot be expected (5-9)

B. When there is no God-broker things go bad, people want a God who bails (11)

C. Because there was a God-broker people dug without doubting (16)

D. Because there was a God-broker man's extremity became God's opportunity (17-18)

### **CONCLUSION:**

***When people are broken, they need a God-broker***

- We may not approve of their agendas, positions or lifestyles, but we can help

**Will you be there to call on God and assist them in their turmoil?**

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