SPECIAL FORCES

During the world wars in the twentieth century, most major fighting armies established formations dedicated to special operations behind enemy lines. They called them special forces. Instead of using conventional combat techniques, these soldiers were used for sabotage and reconnaissance. Since World War II, the operations that these specially trained individuals perform have increased in complexity. Among the major responsibilities of these elite military teams are covert intelligence operations, foreign internal defense, and hostage rescue. In 2018, a Thai junior football team was trapped in the Tham Luang Nang Non cave, and a group of volunteers that included special forces were called upon to conduct the rescue of the twelve children and their coach from the cave.

If ancient Israel had an elite special forces team, it probably would have been made up of youth who had graduated from the schools of the prophets. In fact, the reason this school received its name was that God often called upon the students to serve as prophets for His people.
Write out 2 Kings 4:38–44 from the translation of your choice. You may also re-write the passage in your own words, outline, or mind-map the chapter.
Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

Circle repeated words/ phrases/ideas

Underline words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you

Draw Arrows to connect words/ phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?

Memorize your favorite verse in 2 Kings 4:38–44. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

What protects against apostasy today?

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After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks seem to point to overall?

What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

How can anyone be involved in the work of the "school of the prophets"?

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What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

1 Kings 20:35–43  
2 Kings 2:1–18  
2 Kings 6:1–7

What other verses come to mind in connection with the school of the prophets?

Review your memorized verse from 2 Kings 4:38–44.
Where is Jesus in 2 Kings 4:38–44?

How does this parable of the Pearl of Great Price reeducate your understanding of value (Matt. 13:45, 46)?

What is He saying to you through these texts?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

Prayer: How do you respond to seeing Jesus in this way?

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Review the memory verse. How does it apply to your life this week?

After this week's study of the chapter, what personal applications you can make?

What are applications you can make in your school, family, workplace, and church?

Read more inSight from the Spirit of Prophecy at www.inversebible.org/edu11-7
Share insights from this week’s memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.

What would have been in the curriculum of the school of the prophets?

How does the school of the prophets protect against apostasy and social evils?

Why are spiritual and academic excellence necessary?

What would a school look like that espoused God’s radical understanding of value?

After studying this week’s topic, how can education change the world?

Would you have desired to enroll in one of the schools of the prophets? How would you have fared?

What functions as the school of the prophets today?

How is this week’s lesson linked to the previous weeks?