

THE PROPHET ELISHA AND SAINT COLUMBA: ANIMAL ATTACKS

With respect to ANIMAL ATTACKS, there is a parallel between the Prophet Elisha and Saint Columba. It is an INVERSE parallel.

In the case of Elisha, there **was** an animal attack.

When the youths of Bethel mocked Elisha, God sent two bears. He caused the bears to maul them. [HERE](#) See verses 23-25

By contrast, in the case of Columba, there was **not** an animal attack.

That's what we see with Lugne, Columba's student. When Lugne obeyed Columba and swam across the river, Our Lord protected Lugne. He prevented the plesiosaur from attacking him.

Therefore, with respect to animal attacks, there is an INVERSE PARALLEL between Elisha and Columba.

NOTE: In most translations, it says that "little boys" mocked Elisha.

However, according to many commentators, the mockers were young men or teenagers. They are described as "little boys" because of their immature behavior.

“If you have not faith, do not fear beasts so much as your faithlessness, which renders you susceptible of all corruption.”

Saint Basil of Caesarea
Hexaemeron
Homily 9 / Paragraph 6

Elisha and Columba: Prophets to the North

From your email:

I would add a fourth point to your analysis as well. Elias and Eliseus were both prophets to the **NORTH**. This is just like St. Columba of Iona, whom you point out in your report, was a missionary not just to the northern part of the British Isle, but specifically the northern part of Scotland! In the Old Testament, the north was full of pagan worshipers, and that is the case as well with the Pics of Scotland.