

**Autumn Series**

# **Elijah and Elisha**

**Bible Characters**

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*Welcome to Church*

“...a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.”

**1 Kings 19:11&12.**

## "DAYS OF ELIJAH"

These are the days of Elijah  
Declaring the word of the Lord, yeah  
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses  
Righteousness being restored

These are the days of great trials  
Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice in the desert crying  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet's call  
Lift your voice, (it's) the year of Jubilee  
Out of Zion's hill, salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel  
The dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days of Your servant, David  
Rebuilding the temple of praise

And these are the days of the harvest  
The fields are all white in the world  
And we are the laborers that are in Your vineyard  
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun at the trumpet's call  
Lift your voice, (it's) the year of Jubilee  
Out of Zion's hill, salvation comes

There's no God like Jehovah!  
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There's no God like Jehovah! (Repeat)

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun at the trumpet's call  
Lift your voice, (it's) the year of Jubilee  
Out of Zion's hill, salvation comes

## **SEE HIM COMING**

Glory and power to the one who loves us,  
Honour and praise him forever;  
Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus.

Glory and power to the one who freed us  
From all our sins by his blood;  
Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus.

### **CHORUS**

See him coming on the clouds of heaven,  
Every eye behold him now.  
He's the Living One, the first and last  
Who once was dead,  
But now he lives forever and ever.

Glory and power to the one who made us  
A kingdom of priests for God's service;  
Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus.

### **CHORUS**

## **BRIDGE**

Jesus is the Living One,  
Who died and came alive;  
Jesus is Almighty Lord,  
Who was and is to come!  
(Repeat )

## **CHORUS**

## BY FAITH

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By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

### CHORUS

We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and  
death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go  
In the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In every corner of the earth

### CHORUS

We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the power of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name

### CHORUS

We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

**(Repeat)**

We'll walk by faith and not by sight

## **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Give us day by day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

**Luke 11: 2-4**

## ELIJAH and ELISHA

256. Who was Elijah?

Elijah was a man who attained to righteousness, and therefore never died. He was taken up to heaven bodily, in a chariot of fire - 2 Kings 2:11.

*"<sup>11</sup> And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven."*

### *Heroes*

**Elijah** means "the Lord is my God"

He was sent to oppose, both Baal worship and those who engaged in it.

His rugged figure became a model of the ideal prophet in Israel.

Elijah first appears in the story when he confronts king Ahab and tells him it will not rain until he sees him again.

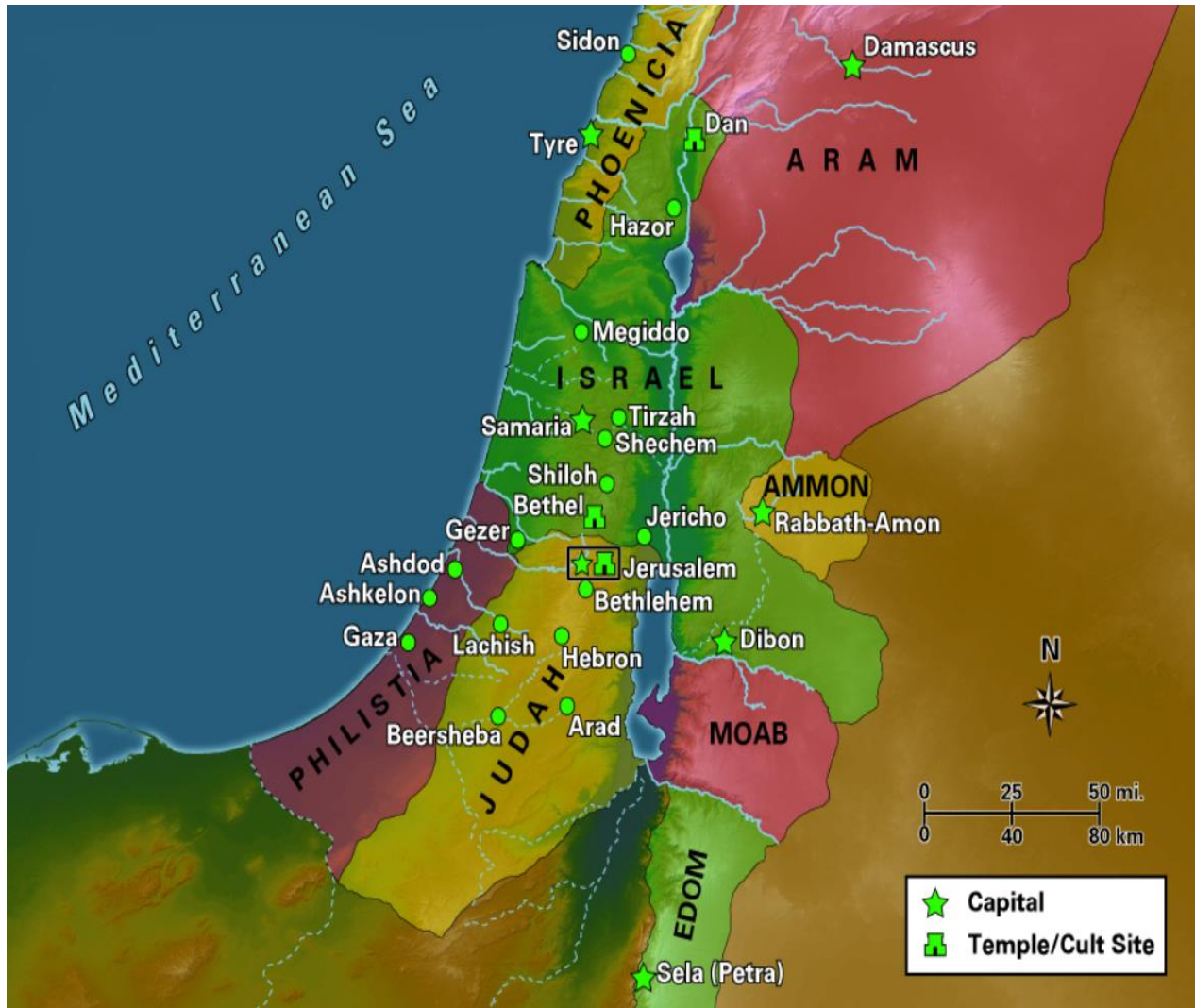
He took the word of God to the king and the people, and performed many miracles. (the prophets were known as the 'chariots and horsemen of Israel'.)

**Elisha** means "God is salvation"

He was chosen to follow Elijah as head of the prophets who he led for 65 years after Elijah was taken to heaven.

Elisha also took the word of God to the kings of his time and to the people. He performed many miracles, one of them even after he was dead.

**Source:** NIV study Bible



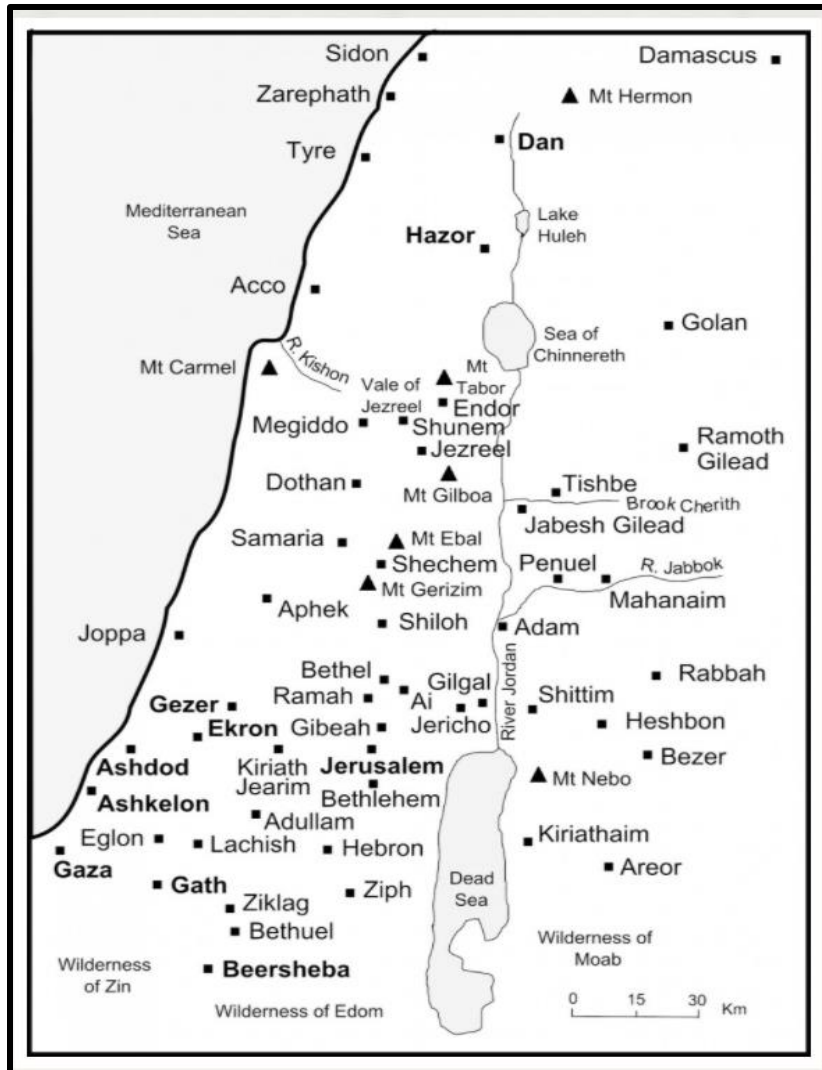
## Background

### *Villains:*

About 60 years after Solomon died Ahab became king of Israel.

He had married Jezebel who was the daughter of Ethbaal who was king of Phoenicia.

Jezebel was an ardent follower of Baal and steadily eroded the worship of God in Israel. She killed many of the prophets.



1. Elijah was from Tishbe in Gilead – actual location unknown.
2. Confronted Ahab in Samaria – ‘neither dew nor rain’ 1 Kings 17:1 until God spoke through him again.  
Baal was considered the God of fertility. The drought was to prove he had no real power.
3. Told to hide in Kerith Ravine (Brook Cherith), east of the Jordan – again actual location unknown  
Jewish tradition says that the ravens that fed Elijah brought the food directly from Ahab’s table.  
[https://www.chabad.org/library/article\\_cdo/aid/111833/jewish/Elijah-the-Prophet.htm](https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/111833/jewish/Elijah-the-Prophet.htm)
4. Told to move to Zerephath of Sidon to stay with the Widow – this is in the heart of Jezebel’s father’s country of Tyre and Sidon – the centre of Baal worship.
5. Healing of the Widow’s son – raising from the dead.
6. Mt Carmel – the confrontation between Elijah and the prophets of Baal – fire from heaven
7. Ran to Beersheba to hide, thence to Horeb – ‘still small voice’ 1 Kings 19:12
8. Call of Elisha – back near home.



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120.—C. M.

(2 Esd. 13/5,8,10-12,27,35,39-40; 2/42-43)

## FIRST PART.

WHEN Isr'el's tribes with Baal did stray,  
 And from God's law depart;  
 For them, Elijah, he did pray  
 That God might turn their heart. Repeat  
 But Malachi, of later date,  
 The Messenger proclaim'd,  
 With the new Cov'nant for to go,  
 As by that prophet named. Repeat  
 To this standard they here did flow,  
 As mov'd by holy fire;  
 In all their zeal and love to show,  
 They did that truth desire. Repeat

## 1 Kings 19: 1-21

**19** And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

**2** Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.

**3** And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

**4** But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

**5** And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

**6** And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his

head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

**7** And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.

**8** And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

**9** And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

**10** And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

**11** And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the

wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake:

<sup>12</sup> And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

<sup>13</sup> And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

<sup>14</sup> And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

<sup>15</sup> And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:

<sup>16</sup> And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

<sup>17</sup> And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.

<sup>18</sup> Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

<sup>19</sup> So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

<sup>20</sup> And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?

<sup>21</sup> And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

## Malachi 4

<sup>4</sup> For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

<sup>2</sup> But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

<sup>3</sup> And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.

<sup>4</sup> Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

<sup>5</sup> Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

<sup>6</sup> And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their

fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

## Romans 11

V 2-6,15&16, 26&27

<sup>2</sup> God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel saying,

<sup>3</sup> Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.

<sup>4</sup> But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.

<sup>5</sup> Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

<sup>6</sup> And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then it is no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.....

.....<sup>15</sup> For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?

<sup>16</sup> For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.....

.....<sup>26</sup> And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

<sup>27</sup> For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

*Moderato.* ARLINGTON—C.M. *Dr. Arne.*



SECOND PART.

From the fiery test of this law,  
The truth it was despis'd:  
That great multitude here below<sup>1</sup>  
Against that truth did rise. Repeat

In their anger they did desire  
That Man of God to slay;<sup>2</sup>  
Until by streams of purging fire,  
They all did melt away.<sup>3</sup> Repeat

Upon that mountain, great and high,<sup>1</sup>  
That Messenger appear'd;  
To Him the tribes did all draw nigh,  
The words of peace they heard. Repeat

Then all that multitude of strife  
Did vanish from the earth;  
Not worthy to obtain that life  
Which brings immortal birth. Repeat

## *Message*

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**1 Kings 19:11&12.**

ST. PETER—C.M. *A. R. Reinagle.*

## THIRD PART.

At last was found a peaceful throng,<sup>2</sup>  
 Seal'd in the law of love ;  
 And all their themes of holy song  
 Ascend to God above. Repeat

They, by that great, Anointed Son,  
 Are crown'd<sup>3</sup> with life and light ;  
 And then with Him they are made one,  
 In all His glory bright. Repeat

From that throne on high, the Spirit  
 Of all truth is come down ;  
 For all Isr'el to inherit  
 That bright, immortal crown. Repeat