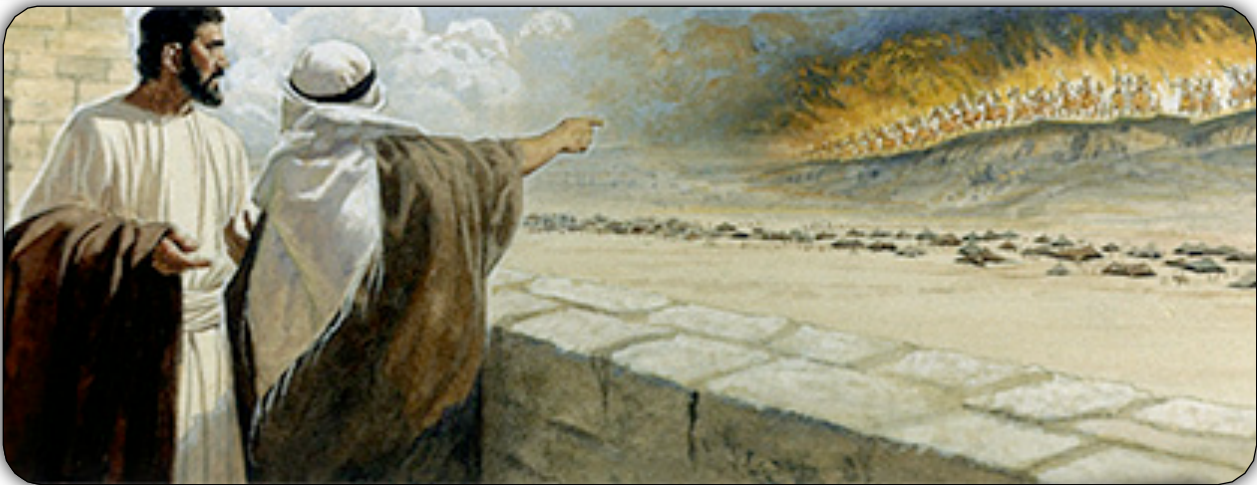


ELISHA

My God Is SALVATION



California
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2012

Intermediate Workbook

Parent Signature-
(When the workbook is completed)

**DON'T
START
YET!**

Most of the questions in this workbook can be *answered* by **CAREFULLY READING** the **Bible** and the *information* in **this workbook** and setting your mind to understand.

However, there are times when a **BIT MORE EFFORT** is required:



RESEARCH QUESTIONS are questions that cannot be answered *just* by reading the **current chapter**. Extra research will need to be done to find the answers. You'll need to look in *other places* in the Bible, in the Strong's Concordance, Bible Dictionary, or other books to find the answers.

**Read
this
first !!**



MARK YOUR BIBLE questions are just what they sound like: put the information shown into the **margin of your Bible**. All throughout any studies you should always take the time and effort to mark your Bible. Our minds are *funny things*: we forget things unless we're reminded of them, and writing stuff in the margin of your Bible is a *great start*. You're required to put *some* information in your Bible to complete this workbook, but you are greatly encouraged to take as many notes as you can in your Bible.

FINISHING THIS WORKBOOK IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND KIDS CAMP, BUT HOW MUCH YOU LEARN FROM YOUR STUDY IS UP TO YOU!!

THERE ARE SOME BOOKS YOU MUST HAVE IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THIS WORKBOOK:

1. A King James Version (also called *Authorized Version*) Bible
2. Strong's Concordance
3. A Bible Dictionary
4. A Bible Atlas
5. Treasury of Scriptural Knowledge (*also available online*)

THERE ARE SOME OTHER BOOKS THAT ARE VERY NICE TO HAVE, ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARY:

6. The Story of the Bible, Volume Three - by Logos
7. Men of God - by Steven Irving
8. Elisha the Neglected Prophet - by David N Wood
9. Other versions of the Bible are also helpful

ENJOY YOUR
STUDY OF GOD'S
WONDERFUL WORD

...and remember:
The more you
prepare now, the
better prepared
you'll be when you
get to Kid's Camp!

BEFORE YOU BEGIN ...



FIRST PLAN YOUR COURSE

- * You should be able to complete the workbook with time to spare by working on it just a **bit each day**. Don't try to wait till the last minute: you may not get it done in time, and you *definitely* won't get as much out of it.



* Count the number of days from now until the week before camp. _____

Now, divide that by the number of pages of work in your book. _____

That is the minimum number of pages you need to do per day! _____

NOW SET YOUR GOALS

- * Use the goal chart on the next page to help you stay on track. Fill in the chart using the guidelines above to help you set a weekly goal for how much you need and want to accomplish.
- * Review your goals with your parents at the beginning and end of each week.

HERE'S SOME HELPFUL HINTS



- * Don't forget to **pray** to God before you begin.
Ask Him to help you understand His word, and He will.
- * Use a PENCIL so that it is easier to correct mistakes.
- * Read, Re-read & ask questions so that you understand what you are studying.
- * **Read everything in the workbook.** **MANY** times there is information given to you in the workbook, and then a question is asked about that information. Questions will be easier to answer if you have read the information given to you throughout the book. We'll say it again: **Read everything in the workbook.** (That's why it's there!)
- * If you get really stuck on a question, put a star (*) next to it and move on. When you have completed the section, go back and try again. You can always ask someone if you get stuck. If you are *really* stuck, you can always e-mail us (Uncle Greg & Aunt Michelle Robinson) if you need to. Our email is robinson@bigbrand.com.



Intermediate Project

All Intermediates are required to complete a special project before arriving at camp, to be given to your counselor upon your arrival at camp.

All Projects Will Be Displayed In The Main Hall.

Please choose One (1) project from the list below.



Make a diary. Record Elisha's diary entries on the days after the following events. Explain how you (Elisha) would have felt about the problem at hand and how you would have felt after the problem was solved.

- Elijah is taken away and you are left to take over as prophet.
- After the bears mauled the young men at Bethel
- The Shunammite woman's son was raised.
- The School of the prophets was getting overcrowded and the axe head was raised
- You may also add as many more events to this list as you'd like.



Make newspaper articles for at least two of the following events. (you may make more than two if you would like)

- Elijah being taken in a whirlwind and Elisha taking his place
- The Syrian army finding themselves in Samaria
- The Healing of Naaman
- The Siege of Samaria coming to an end.



Design and make your own Kid's Camp t-shirt commemorating your study of Elisha (yes, a real t-shirt that you can wear!) Design the front and back of the shirt and create your shirt using either an iron on t-shirt transfer, fabric paints, or find an online shirt company that can make it for you. Be sure to include a graphic and verse from your favorite event in the life of Elisha (your t-shirt will be displayed in the main hall during camp, but will be returned to you at the end of the week and you can wear it!)

Put your name on all projects so they can be returned to you!



Elijah & Elisha

Yahweh's Power to Save

In the Bible people's **names** are very important, and the **meanings of their names** often give us important **information that God wants us to know** about them and His purpose with them. They often have meanings which often are a summary of their lives.

You will notice that both names begin the same: **"El"**. In Hebrew, 'el' means **'power'**, or **'strength'**. **El is one of the titles of God**, & in many places it is translated as **"God"** in our Bibles.

The names of Elijah and Elisha combine to make a powerful statement about their purpose. So what are these men's names saying about this Power of God?

The word **"Elijah"** comes from two words, **"El"** = **'power'** or **'God'** and **"Yah"** = a shortened form of **'Yahweh'** Elijah's name then, means **'Yahweh is God'** or **'Yahweh is the powerful one'**

Just as these two men worked together for God, their names **Combined together** tell us God's purpose in sending these two men as He did.

Yahweh is the one true God, the only God with power. That power has been given to save us. In fact the purpose of His power is to save us.

The word **"Elisha"** comes from two words, **"El"** = **'power'** or **'God'** and **"yasha"** = **'to deliver, to bring salvation'** Elisha's name then, means **"God is salvation"** or **"power to save"**

ELISHA was one of the **most important prophets** in the history of Israel. He served



Yahweh for about **70** years. He worked as a helper to **Elijah** for about ten years and then as the leading prophet in Israel for about sixty years. Elisha's name means **God is salvation**. This is a very fitting name for him because he showed Israel that **Yahweh's ultimate purpose** was to **save** the men and women of Israel.

When we look back at the ministry of **Elijah** we see that **Elijah's** initial purpose was to show the people of Israel that **Yahweh was the one true God**, and that **Yahweh was the only God** that had any actual power. The people had seen the power of **Yahweh** that God had showed them through **Elijah**, he now wanted to focus on showing the people that **Yahweh's power was intended to save** the people of Israel. He would not only save them from the wicked ways of **Jezebel**, and save them from the **Syrians**, but most importantly He would save them from **sin and death**.

Yahweh told Elijah to anoint **Elisha** ("God is salvation") to take over for him. The two of them worked together for about ten years traveling throughout Israel teaching in the ecclesias throughout the land, and then **Elijah** was taken away from him; leaving **Elisha** as the spiritual leader in Israel.

1. In your own words explain what the two prophet's names, **Elijah** and **Elisha**, have to do with what God wanted them to do. _____

2. **Elisha's** ministry lasted a very long time. He was a prophet to Israel completely through the reigns of the three kings in the chart below. Fill in the blanks on the following chart:

King of Israel	Length of his reign	# of Years Elisha served during this king's reign
Joram (Jehoram the son of Ahab)	_____ years (2Kings 3:1)	_____
Jehu	_____ years (2Kings 10:36)	_____
Jehoahaz	_____ years (2Kings 13:1)	_____

3. How long did the three kings above reign in total? _____

4. Since **Elisha's** ministry lasted through all of their reigns, what is the shortest time that his ministry could have lasted? _____

5. If we also count the approximately 10 years that **Elisha** served with **Elisha**, then how long did he serve? _____

When Elisha was first called by Elijah, Ahab was the king of Israel. We are told, “Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all of the kings of Israel that were before him.” What made things even worse was that Ahab was married to Jezebel!

Together Ahab and Jezebel hunted down and killed anyone that worshipped Yahweh. They tried to make everyone in Israel worship Baal. By the mighty

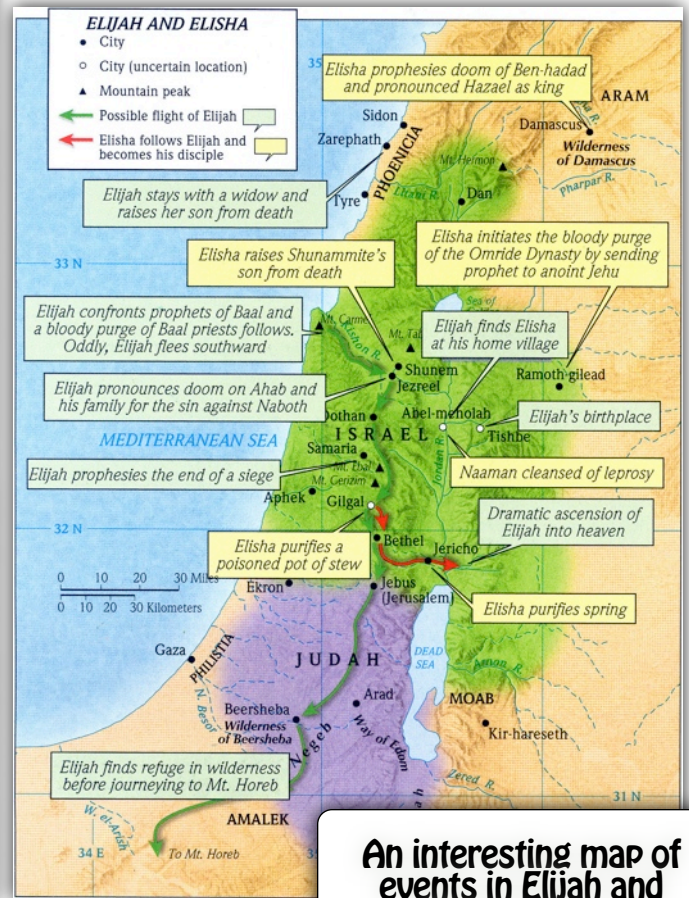
power of Yahweh, Elijah was able to stand up to Ahab and Jezebel. Yahweh caused a great famine to come on the land to show the people that Baal could not provide for them, but that only Yahweh could. Elijah then prayed and Yahweh sent fire from heaven to consume his sacrifice on Mt. Carmel to show everyone that Baal was nothing and that Yahweh was the only real God. **After the famine**

was broken and the prophets of Baal had been killed, the people of Israel had great respect for Yahweh and for Elijah. Those that worshipped Yahweh came out of hiding, the schools of the prophets opened back up and people everywhere wanted to know more about Yahweh, the mighty and powerful God of Israel.

A bit of background



Schools Of The Prophets
 Years earlier, the prophet Samuel had gone from city to city and formed a group of prophets into groups all over Israel that were dedicated to teaching of the word of God and removing wickedness from the land. These communities of the sons of the prophets were like our ecclesias today. They faithfully held on to their belief in God even in the face of the most horrific idolatry and persecution. We often read of Elijah and Elisha visiting these ecclesias, or these sons of the prophets in Bethel, Gilgal, and others.



6. Which prophet started the schools of the prophets many years before Elijah and Elisha? _____

When we look at the life of Elijah we see one of the most exciting times in the history of Israel. On Mount Carmel a great contest had taken place between Ba'al and Yahweh. Yahweh had shown himself to be the one true God when he sent fire from heaven to consume Elijah's sacrifice while Ba'al had been unable to do anything. The people were so moved by **Yahweh's show of His power** that they killed all the prophets of Ba'al. Even wicked King Ahab seemed to have been converted by what he had seen. But when Ahab told Jezebel what had happened, she was furious and she set out to kill Elijah. Elijah was so afraid and discouraged that he ran for his life and came to Mount Horeb. At Horeb, Yahweh showed him that the **real power** of Yahweh is in **"the still small voice."**

The still small voice

1 Kings 18 & 19



Yahweh's power to save

7. The King of Israel told wicked queen Jezebel "all that Elijah had done." Summarize what he was talking about by looking at the following verses from 1 Kings 18 and *briefly describing* what happened in each section.

18:17-20 _____

18:23-29 _____



18:30-35 _____

18:36-38 _____

18:39 _____
 18:40 _____
 18:41-45 _____



18:46 _____

8. When Jezebel heard that Elijah had killed all of her prophets of Ba'al, what message did she send to Elijah? _____

9. After Elijah heard that, he was terrified. So what did he do? _____

10. Why do you think Elijah would want Yahweh to take his life? _____

11. What did the angel do that showed the kindness of Yahweh for His servants? _____



The still small voice is the word of God. It is our Bible. We can listen to the still small voice any time we want to by just opening up our Bibles and reading from God's word.

It is hard for us to believe that reading the word of God does more to convince us that God is real than seeing a great miracle performed, but it is true. Elijah began to understand that the time for spectacular miracles and signs was ending and that it was now time to teach the people Yahweh's word.

12. When Elijah came to Mt. Horeb what did Yahweh bring first that was so strong that it rent (or split) the mountain and broke the rocks? _____

13. What did Yahweh show Elijah next? _____

14. What was the last powerful thing that Yahweh brought to the mountain where Elijah was standing?

15. After all three of these demonstrations of the power of Yahweh we are told that Yahweh was not in any of them. None of them helped Elijah to understand his God better. They had only forced him back into the cave in fear. Yahweh was showing Elijah that it was time to move past this method of teaching to the still small voice. Fill in the blank box below with the meaning of the still small voice. (HINT: make sure you've read the paragraph at the beginning of this section.)



16. Underline "still small voice" in your Bible, and mark what it means in your margin

I Kings 19:12	<i>Write the meaning in your margin:</i>
12 And after the earthquake a fire; <i>but</i> the Lord <i>was</i> not in the fire: and after the fire a <u>still small voice</u> .	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

Yahweh told Elijah to anoint Elisha to assist him in the work and to be his successor. He also told Elijah that there were seven thousand that had not bowed the knee to Ba'al. Elijah and Elisha would work with those seven thousand. They were to put the word of Yahweh into their hearts, and show Israel that Yahweh's power was a power that could save them not only from Jezebel and Ahab but, in the long run, save them from sin and from death.



17. In verses 10 & 14 we see that Elijah felt that he was the only prophet of Yahweh was left. How many prophets of Yahweh did Obadiah tell Elijah that he had hid (1Kings 18)? _____
18. Where had Obadiah hid those prophets? _____
19. Where was Elijah when he told Yahweh that he was the only one left? _____
20. In verses 15 & 16 Yahweh told Elijah to anoint (to appoint for a special position) three men; Hazael, Jehu and Elisha. These three men were to be appointed as solutions to Elijah's complaints from verse 14. Connect Elisha's complaints to Yahweh's solutions by drawing a line from the complaint on the left to the solution on the right:

Elijah's Complaint	→	Yahweh's Solution
Israel had forsaken the covenant and thrown down the altars of Yahweh, so God's solution was to...		...anoint Jehu to bring judgment on the family of Ahab and Jezebel because of their worship of false gods.
Ahab and Jezebel had killed Yahweh's prophets, so God's solution was to...		...anoint Elisha who would build up the school of the prophets and work with those who wanted to learn about God.
"I even I only am left," so God's solution was to...		...anoint Hazael - he would bring judgment on the nation of Israel.

21. How do you think Elijah felt when Yahweh told him that he should anoint Elisha in his room (to replace him)? _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

The first thing we're told about Elisha himself, is who his father is, and where he's from.

Elisha Joins the Work of the Prophets



22. His father's name is Shaphat. In the box below, write what the name Shaphat means.



23. Elisha was from Abel-Meholah. In the box below, write what the name Abel-Meholah means.



24. Mark it in your Bible:

I Kings 19:16	Write the meaning in your margin:
16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint <i>to be</i> king over Israel: and Elisha the son of <u>Shaphat</u> of <u>Abel-meholah</u> shalt thou anoint <i>to be</i> prophet in thy room.	Shaphat = _____ _____ Abel-Meholah = _____ _____

25. In verse 17, what had Yahweh said that Elisha would do? _____

26. Why do you think Elijah was encouraged by what Yahweh told him in verse 18? _____

Imagine what it would be like in Israel at the time when Elijah came to call Elisha. There had been over three *years* of famine! No rain. Not enough food. Now suddenly the rain was back, and the famine had been broken and people all over the land were finally back in their fields plowing, preparing the land to be sown with the seed.

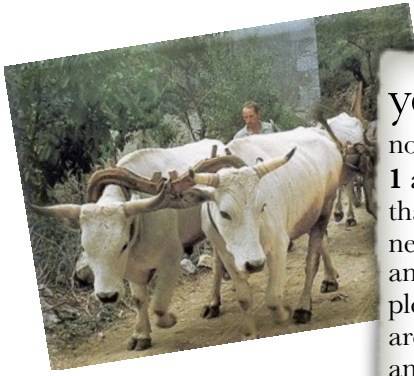
In the parable of the sower in Matthew 13:19, we are told that the seed represents the, "word of the kingdom" and that the soil represents our minds. Some of the soil was good soil, and as a result when the word of the kingdom was planted, it grew and grew. Seeds grow well in soil that has been well prepared by plowing because plowing kills the weeds, allows the stones to be removed, and makes the soil soft.



27. What was Elisha doing when we are first introduced to him? _____

28. Fill in the blanks below to show what is the planting of seed is compared to in the Bible:
 The seed represents _____
 The soil represents _____

29. Why was plowing an important part of the planting of seed? _____

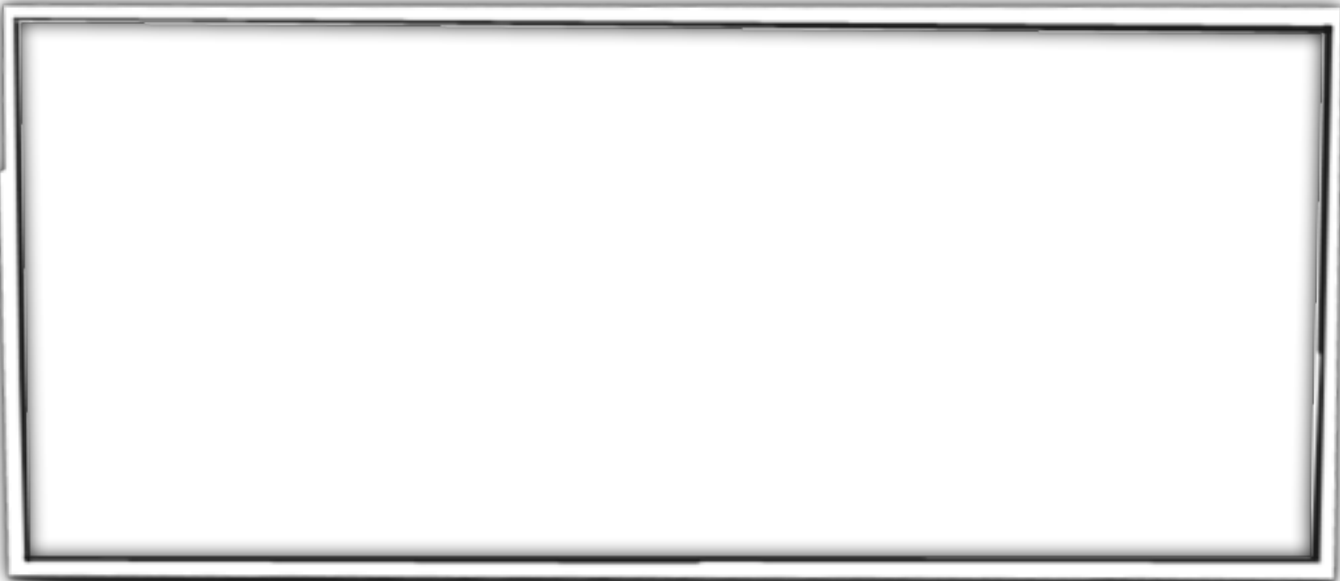


yoke |yōk|
 noun
I a wooden crosspiece that is fastened over the necks of two animals and attached to the plow or cart that they are to pull., or a pair of animals coupled together in such a way:
a yoke of oxen.

We have here a Story behind the Story.

Elisha was plowing his fields to prepare them for the planting of the seeds and at the same time Yahweh was preparing the minds of many people in the twelve tribes of Israel for the word of the kingdom. Elisha left the job of planting seeds in the ground to plant the word of Yahweh in the minds of the people, much like the disciples of Christ left fishing to be, “fishers of men.”

30. Sketch a picture of Elisha and his men ploughing with 12 yoke of oxen.



31. In the Bible, numbers are important because they themselves have meaning. Why do you think we are told that there were 12 yoke of oxen? (hint: Gen. 49:28) _____

We are told that Elisha was plowing with the twelfth yoke of oxen. This tells us a few things. First it tells us that Elisha was a hard working man and that he was in charge of because he was the one in the back which would be directing the others. It also tells us that his family was an industrious and wealthy family because they had so many yoke of oxen. This is important because Elisha was about to be called away from all of this for an even more important job.



32. What did Elijah do when he first found Elisha in his field? _____



33. What is a mantle? What would Elijah's mantle have been made of? (bible dictionary)

34. What do you think it indicated when Elijah cast his mantle onto Elisha? (hint - look at how Elisha responded in verse 20)

35. When Elisha ran after Elijah it was clear that he considered the call of Elijah more important than his oxen, but what did he want to go back and do?

36. What did Elijah tell Elisha to do in verse 20?

37. What do you think Elijah meant by what he said?

38. What did Elisha do to show that he was willing to give up everything to follow Elijah?

39. How do you think Elijah (the prophet that thought that he was the only faithful prophet of Yahweh left) felt when Elisha went with him?

40. Why might Elisha have been afraid to go with Elijah? (hint: remember Jezebel)



41. In the scriptures we find that God chooses workers to work for Him. He is looking for people that choose to serve Him and then serve Him all of their lives. Christ says that "No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Where do we find these words of Christ?

42. What old testament character do you think Christ was referring to?



43. We are told that Elisha ministered unto Elijah. What does the word ministered mean? (dictionary)



44. Find a verse in the New Testament where someone left everything they had and followed Christ - give the reference and copy the verse (or verses) below.



Elijah and Elisha worked together to strengthen the ecclesias of Israel for about the next ten years. They would travel from city to city teaching and directing the prophets that were responsible for teaching the people. Through their hard work there were thousands of

The Prophet in Elijah's Room



2 Kings 2

men and women that came to know that Yahweh had the power to save and that His power was in his word. The people were thrilled to be able to understand this.


During this time Yahweh kept the believers safe from Ahab and Jezebel by sending the Syrians to attack Israel, and therefore keeping the king too busy to come after them. Ahab was killed in a battle with the Syrians and his son Ahaziah came to the throne.

Ahaziah was also a very wicked king. He tried to take Elijah by force but he was unable to do so because Elijah called fire from heaven and destroyed over a hundred of his men. Ahaziah put his trust in Ba'al-zebub, the god of the Philistines, and his reign only lasted for two years. At the time of his death the work of Elijah had been completed and **Elisha was ready** to become the leader of the Prophets of Israel. Yahweh told Elijah that it was time for him to be taken out of Israel. It is hard to know exactly why Elijah was taken from Israel before his death but we do know that Elisha had been selected by Yahweh to replace Elijah, and that the time had come for this to happen.

Now that it was time for Elisha to replace Elijah, it was time to show everyone that Yahweh would be with Elisha as He had been with Elijah. By giving His power to Elisha as He had given it to Elijah the believers would be confident that they would continue to be delivered from Jezebel and her family and the still small voice would continue to be heard in Israel.

45. How was Yahweh going to take Elijah?

46. What is a whirlwind? _____

 47. Elijah told Elisha to tarry at Gilgal. What does the word tarry mean? _____

48. Did Elisha tarry there? _____

49. Where did they go next? - mark where is it on the map



50. Who came forth to Elisha when they came to Bethel? _____

51. How do you think that they knew what was going to happen to Elijah? _____

52. How do you think Elisha felt knowing that his master was going to be taken from him? _____



53. Fill in the following blanks in your own words from what happens in verses 4 - 6.

Elijah speaks to Elisha and says, " _____ "
_____ "
_____ "
Elisha replies. So they both went to _____ .
The sons of the prophets there warn Elisha saying, " _____ "
_____ " and Elisha responds, " _____ "
_____ " Again, Elijah requests of Elisha, " _____ "
_____ "
_____ " is Elisha's answer to him again.



54. You will notice that Elisha told Elijah three times, "I will not leave thee." Underline them in your Bible.

55. Why do you think Elijah kept asking Elisha to stay behind while he went on? _____

56. Why do you think Elisha wanted to stay with Elijah even though he was going to be taken up in a whirlwind? _____

57. List at least three character traits of Elisha that we can see from him already in this chapter.



- 1 _____
 - 2 _____
 - 3 _____
- MORE? _____

58. As the two men left, some of the sons of the prophets watched them, how many stood watching? _____

What would it have been like for Elisha to be taking over the job of the Elijah? Would he be able to handle the job? Would people listen to him? Would Jezebel come after him? Would Yahweh protect him when he stood up to the false prophets that were all over the land? Would he be able to measure up to what Elijah had done for the country?
In such a difficult time Yahweh provided a symbol to Elisha that the support that He had given to Elijah would also be given to him. The symbol of that support was Elijah's mantle.

59. What was the last thing Elijah asked Elisha? _____

60. What did Elisha ask for? _____

Elisha's request for a double portion of the spirit of Elijah seems like an unusual request to make. But when we see that his desire was rooted in the rules for the firstborn son we begin to understand.

In Israel the **firstborn son** had several **responsibilities** that were **designed by God** to keep the family strong. When the father of the family died the firstborn son would become the **head of the family**, over all of his younger brothers and sisters. He would also become the **family priest** responsible for **teaching the family** about Yahweh and making sure that they knew His laws and followed them. These **responsibilities** were very important and took much effort on the part of the firstborn son. As a result the firstborn son was given a **double portion** of the inheritance of his father. This extra support would help to **establish him as the leader** of the family and would allow him to **focus** on their **spiritual wellbeing**.

Since Yahweh had chosen Elisha to be the head of the sons of the prophets he would need support from Yahweh. He would need support like the support Yahweh had given to the Elijah.

61. What kind of difficulties do you think Elisha would face from the people around him as he took over from Elijah? _____

62. How would Elisha know if he was going to be given the double portion of the spirit?

63. While Elisha and Elijah were talking, what appeared? _____

CHARIOTS & HORSES OF FIRE

Did you know that the power of Yahweh is always at work on earth? Even Today? He uses his angels to bring His power to the world. They control the rise and fall of the nations, they guide the direction of our ecclesias and they even direct the events of our lives. They are always present, but are almost never seen.



In Bible times angels would sometimes appear to men and women to speak with them, and sometimes the power of Yahweh would be represented as coming down to the earth in a chariot. The people all knew the power of chariots and horses because of the powerful armies of the nations surrounding them. They would be happy to know that they were being protected by the angels of Yahweh which were represented by powerful fiery chariots.

As Elijah departed, the fiery chariot separated Elisha from him. It would have been a great assurance to Elisha as he saw Elijah departing to see that the fiery chariots of Yahweh were to go with him also. Elisha even called Elijah "the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof" because he recognized that Elijah had also been a vehicle for the power of Yahweh to save Israel.



64. Find a verse that shows us that the angels are 'ministering spirits' for them who shall be heirs of salvation. (Concordance) Where is that verse found? _____

65. What does that verse mean to you -specifically, in your life? _____

66. Why did the chariot of fire separate Elisha and Elijah? _____

67. What help was it to Elisha to see the chariot of fire? _____



68. What took Elijah up to heaven? _____

69. Why do you think Elijah called Elisha his father? _____

70. Why do you think he called Elijah the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof? _____

71. What did Elisha do with Elisha's mantle once he got back to the Jordan river? _____



72. Many years before, Joshua had parted the Jordan River at this same place. Where is the verse where this happens?



73. Write that reference in your Bible next to 2 Kings 2:14.

74. Who had Joshua taken over from? _____



75. The 50 sons of the prophets had been watching from a distance at Jericho. They must have seen the whirlwind and the parting of the Jordan River and now they saw Elisha returning with the mantle of Elisha. What did they say that shows that they understood that Elisha would be their head (leader)?

The city of Jericho is located in the Jordan River Valley. The Jordan River is about 1,230 feet below sea level and just a few miles east is Jericho. Jericho is about 845 feet below sea level, which means that it's almost 400 feet above the river. This would have given the sons of the prophets a pretty good place to watch what was going on as the two men, Elijah and Elisha headed off toward the river.

76. Illustrate the following scenes **from the 50 sons of the prophets' point of view**.

2 Kings 2:5	2 Kings 2:6	2 Kings 2:7
2 Kings 2:8	2 Kings 2:11a	2 Kings 2:11b
2 Kings 2:12	2 Kings 2:13-14	2 Kings 2:15

77. Connect the **action** to what it **represented** to see a **Story behind the Story**:

<p>Elijah used the mantle to part the Jordan so he could leave Israel</p> <p>Elijah took off his mantle and wrapped it together (folded it up)</p> <p>Elisha rent his own clothes</p> <p>Elijah's mantle fell from him as he was departing</p> <p>Elisha smote the waters and Yahweh parted them</p> <p>Elisha took the mantle</p>	<p>Elisha's role was changing</p> <p>Elijah would no longer be a direct influence in Israel</p> <p>Elisha was accepting the role of Elijah</p> <p>Yahweh was entrusting Elisha with Elijah's power and position</p> <p>Elisha had been given the power of Elijah</p> <p>Elijah's work as a prophet was coming to an end</p>
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78. Why do you think Elisha told the sons of the prophets not to send a search party for Elijah?





79. Why did he finally give in and tell them they could go look for Elijah? _____

80. How would the failure of the sons of the prophets to find Elijah have helped them to accept that Elisha had taken over the role of Elijah? _____

When we look closely at the work of **Elijah** and **Elisha** we can see another **Story behind the Story**. **Christ** tells us that the work of **John the Baptist** was much like the work of Elijah. They both prepared the way for the work of another prophet who would save the people from their enemies. **Elijah's** work prepared the people for the *saving work* of **Elisha** and **John the baptist's** work prepared the people for their *savior* **Jesus Christ**.

 81. What does the name Jesus mean? _____

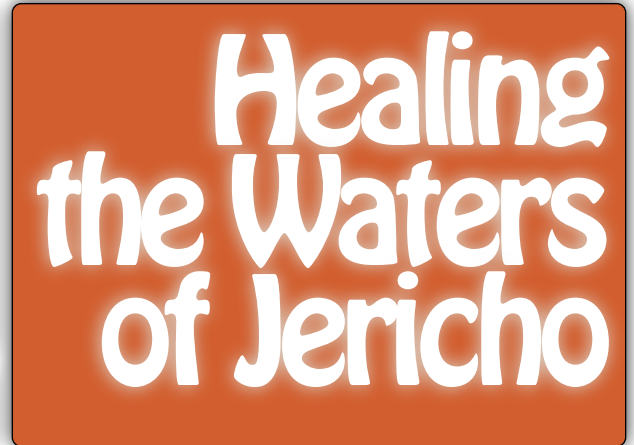
 82. What does Jesus save his people from? _____


 83. What two things happened to John the Baptist that helped those people who had been faithfully following John the Baptist accept that they should now begin to follow Christ? _____


The work of Elisha, as his name suggests, was to save the people of Israel, to teach them about kingdom of God, and to show them how they could be a part of that kingdom. The miracles of Elisha give us examples of how the power of Yahweh works in our lives to save us. It is as if God has given us a glimpse of how he intervenes in our lives by showing us what he did in the lives of people in the days of Elisha. **If we can understand the events of the life of Elisha we will come to see that the fiery chariots of Yahweh are working to save in our days as well.**



2 Kings 2



 84. Find two names in the Bible that mean “Yahweh saves.” _____ & _____

 85. The men of Jericho told Elisha that the water was “naught.” This word doesn’t mean the same as ‘naught’ means today - look up ‘naught’ in the concordance. What does the word naught mean? _____

86. In your own words explain the steps that Elisha and the men of Jericho took to heal the waters. _____

87. Who really healed the waters? _____

88. How long would the effects of the healing last? _____

The Story Behind The Story: A spring is a place where water comes from. In the Bible, a spring of water represents a source of words or thoughts. They can be the words of God, which are pure, life giving words, or they can be the words of men which cannot bring life. **The words of God** are called living water because they can save us from death by bringing us to eternal life. When Elisha came to Jericho the people did not understand Yahweh's promises of a kingdom and of their coming Messiah (Jesus Christ.)

Elisha and the faithful prophets were like the new cruse. The salt in the cruse represented Yahweh's promise to save His people. When the people of Jericho heard the message of Elisha, they themselves became a source for the words of God and they became a symbol of what Elisha would accomplish in his ministry and of what Christ would accomplish in his.

89. Write what these following items represent in the story behind the story:

- ~Spring of water → _____
- ~Pure water → _____
- ~New Cruse → _____
- ~Salt → _____

Yahweh's Power Shown at Bethel

2 Kings 2



As news spread that Elijah was no longer around, those who believed in false gods would have been jumping for joy. **Elijah had been** a very powerful adversary to them and now they would be able to freely worship the golden calves that had been set up in Dan and Bethel. They would no longer need to be afraid that Elijah would call fire down from heaven because Elijah was gone and now the leader of the prophets of Yahweh was a weak man named Elisha. **But they were in for a big surprise.** In this

section Yahweh makes it very clear that He protects those that are teaching the truth. He does this because He wants everyone to hear the still small voice of the truth. Therefore, when Elisha is threatened, Yahweh makes it clear that He will not allow anyone to get in His way.

90. When Elisha left Jericho, where did he go? _____

91. What happened to him while he was on the way? _____



92. When we look up the word children in verse 23 in a concordance we see that it does not just refer to little children but it can also refer to a young man. Mark it in your Bible

2 Kings 2:23	<i>Write the meaning in your margin:</i>
<p>²³ And he went up from thence unto Beth-el: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little <u>children</u> out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head.</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.2em;">A youth, a young man</p>

93. What did the young men from Bethel say to mock Elisha? _____

94. When we first read this, it just sounds like some kids taunting an old man. Not very nice, but certainly not something we'd think would be punishable by death. We can get an idea of what was going on here by looking at a couple of other places in scriptures and fitting the pieces together. Read 2 Kings 3:1-3. Whose religious ways did the King of Israel adopt in the days of Elisha? _____

95. Read 1Kings 12:25-33. Where did Jeroboam set up the two golden calves that he had made for the people to worship? _____ & _____

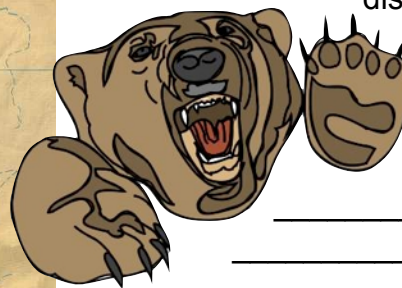
96. Where did Jeroboam place the false priests of the high places? _____

From these two references we can see that Bethel was one of the main places for the false prophets. These young men were mocking Elisha, calling him to come up and worship the golden calf at Bethel, but Elisha was true to Yahweh and continued on the right way, serving Yahweh.



97. Elisha did not call down fire from heaven on the young men as we imagine Elijah would have, but Yahweh showed that He would not allow the mission of Elisha to be hindered by the false prophets of Israel. How did Yahweh do this? _____

98. In Leviticus 26 we read about the curses that Yahweh pronounced on Israel if they disobeyed Him. Which curse seems to be applied here? (big hint: Lev. 26:21-22) _____

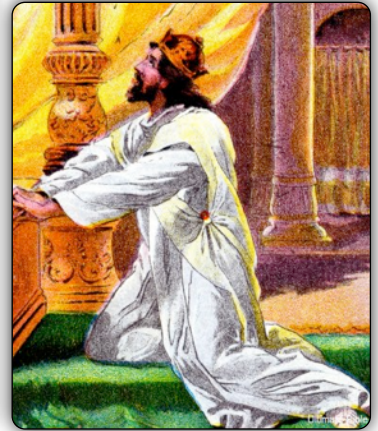


99. Mark all of the places that Elisha went to in chapter 2 on the map _____

Most of the kings of Israel never learned that Yahweh was the only true God, that only Yahweh had power, that only Yahweh could save them from their enemies and that only Yahweh could give them eternal life. Because of this **they kept switching from one god to another.** Ahab put his trust in Ba'al, the god of the Sidonians. Ahab and Jezebel's son Ahaziah put his trust in Ba'al-zebub and Ahaziah's brother, Jehoram put his trust in the false worship of Jeroboam.

Yahweh Saves Those That Are Faithful to Him

2 Kings 3



On the surface the ways of Jeroboam seemed to be the worship of Yahweh but they were very far from it. Jeroboam made the people worship golden calves, he made his own altar, and he made his own priests. This was the basis of the wicked worship of Yahweh that Jehoram chose to follow.

At the same time that those three kings were ruling in Israel there was a righteous king in Judah named Jehoshaphat.

In this chapter it becomes very clear that Yahweh is the only God that can save, and that he saves those that are faithful to Him.

100. Which son of Ahab became king in this chapter? _____

101. Was he a righteous king? _____

102. Why do you think he put away the image of Ba'al? _____

103. After putting away the image of Ba'al whose ways did he follow? _____

104. What had Jeroboam made Israel to do? _____

105. Who was supplying the king of Israel with lambs, rams and wool? _____

106. The king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel. What does it mean to rebel? _____

107. Who went with the king of Israel to fight against the king of Moab? _____

108. When the kings were in the wilderness of Edom what did they run out of? _____

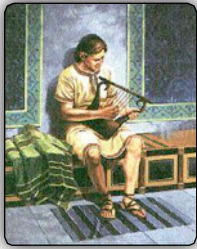
109. Jehoram, king of Israel, blamed Yahweh for bringing them into the wilderness to die of thirst but he did not think about asking Yahweh for help. Who came up with the idea of asking Yahweh for help? _____

110. One of Jehoram's servants described Elisha as having, "poured water on the hands of Elisha". What do you think this means? _____

111. What did Elisha say in verse 13 that made it very clear that Yahweh did not approve of the way that Jehoram worshipped Him? _____

112. Who were the father and mother of Jehoram? _____ & _____

113. Explain what Elisha says in verse 14 in your own words. _____



114. What is a minstrel? _____

115. What happened when the minstrel played? _____

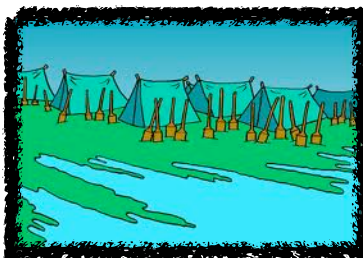
116. What did Yahweh tell them to do in v 16? _____

117. Think: Why would this have been a very hard thing for the armies to do at that time? _____

118. What would Yahweh do with the ditches? _____

119. After providing water for the armies what else did Yahweh promise to do for them? _____

120. The Moabites thought that the kings of Judah, Israel and Edom had smitten each other. There are many examples in scripture where Yahweh does the fighting for his people in ways like this. Look at the story in Judges 7:19-23. In what ways was that battle like the one fought here? _____



Where was all of this water going to come from? It is likely that a storm some distance away filled a dry stream with water

which flowed to the site where the armies were and filled up the ditches. The ditches would have captured the water and held it for the men to drink. The ditches would also have helped trick the Moabites: making it look like there were great pools of blood surrounding the men who were lying down next to them to drink.



121. Picture this in your mind: The Israelite camp with ditches full of water with the men drinking from the ditches and the Moabites watching from the border, seeing what looked to them as dead men and blood. Draw a picture here of what that might have looked like.



122. Yahweh gave them instructions about what to do after He delivered the Moabites into their hands. What did the Israelites do to the following things in Moab when they rose up after them:

- ~the cities _____
- ~every good piece of land _____
- ~wells of water _____
- ~good trees _____
- ~Kir-haraseth _____

123. What did the king of Moab do when he had lost the battle and he had failed to escape?

124. What do you think might have happened if the king of Moab had turned to Yahweh for deliverance instead?

125. What lesson(s) should Jehoram have learned from the events of this chapter? _____

126. How would Jehoram feel about Elisha? _____

A Faithful Family Saved



After the battle against Moab the story of Elisha continues back in Israel. One of the families in the ecclesia was in a terrible situation. The father of the family died leaving his wife and two sons to support themselves. To make matters worse they owed a large amount of money to a creditor and he wanted his money so bad that he was going to take the widow's two sons as payment for the debt. This was a disaster for

2 Kings 4 : 1 - 7

the woman and her family, but just like in the case of Jehoshaphat we come to see that Yahweh saves those that are faithful to Him. The only possession that the family had was a pot of oil. In the scriptures oil represents the word of God and a vessel represents a person (2Tim. 2:20-21). The word was the only thing that the family had and in the end it was by pouring that word into others that they were saved.

In order to find out how her family would be saved the woman had to go to Elisha.

- 127. What does Elisha's name mean? _____
- 128. Whose servant did the woman say her husband had been? _____
- 129. Who did the woman say that her husband had feared? _____
- 130. What was the only thing that the woman had in her house? _____

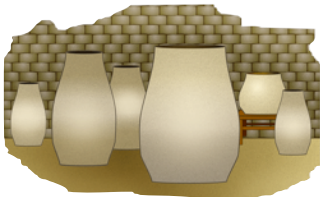


- 131. What does oil represent in the Bible? _____
- 132. What does it mean in v. 3 when it says, "not a few?" _____

133. Think about this: if the oil represents the word of God and the vessels represent people then the house filled with people being filled with oil would be the ecclesia, why do you think Elisha told her to shut the door before she started pouring? _____

- 134. Once she carried out Elisha's instructions, and she filled the vessels, what happened to the flow of the oil? _____

135. In the scriptures a vessel represents a person. In this case there were many vessels, or people, that needed to be filled with the word of God. Interestingly, the supply of oil did not run out but kept going until all the people were filled with the word of God. This is one of the amazing things about the word of God. We can take it into ourselves and then share it with tens, hundreds and even thousands of others and yet the word that we took into ourselves is still there. Can you think of another time in the Bible when a small amount of food was enough to fill a great number of people and there was still a large amount left over? _____



- 136. What did Elisha tell her to do with the vessels of oil? _____

Yahweh Has the Power To Save From Death

2 Kings
4:8-44



Since Elisha's job was to share the still small voice of truth with people all over the land of Israel, he was always traveling. He would spend time in one ecclesia teaching and helping them to organize their meetings and then he would travel to another ecclesia. On the road that led from Samaria to Mt. Carmel was a little village called

Shunem. In that village was a woman who was a great help to Elisha. She had a love for the truth and wanted Elisha to spend as much time with her and her family as possible. Because of this love for the truth she had amazing faith. After she was miraculously given a son her faith was strengthened so much that she also believed that Yahweh could raise her son from the dead. In contrast to this faithful woman, was a man named Gehazi whose faith was weak. He was with Elisha day after day but his love was not for the saving power of Yahweh but for the wealth and power of this life.

After the death of Christ the people of Israel were called by Yahweh to believe that He had raised His son from the dead. Some believed like the Shunammite woman but most lacked faith like Gehazi. Today too, the world is divided into those who believe that Yahweh raised his son from the dead and those that do not have that faith.



137. What does 'Shunem' mean? (concordance) _____



138. We can tell by the actions of the Shunammite woman that she was a very hospitable woman. What does it mean to be hospitable? (dictionary) _____

139. Can you think of a time when someone in the Bible was very hospitable and fed strangers? _____

140. What did the woman notice about Elisha? _____



141. What does the word chamber in verse 10 mean? (concordance) _____



142. What four things did she want to put into this room? _____

143. If a prophet of Yahweh came to your house the daily readings would be an exciting time. You would be able to ask him all the bible questions that you have always wondered about. List 3 questions that you would ask a prophet of Yahweh if he were staying at your house. (about any part of the Bible, not necessarily from this story) _____



144. Who was Gehazi? _____

145. What was Gehazi told to ask the woman? _____

146. The Shunammite woman had done so much for Elisha that he wanted to do something in return for her, so he offered to speak to the king or the captain of the host for her. But she was not interested in what the king of Israel could do for her. What she cared about more was the wellbeing of her the brothers and sisters in her ecclesia right there in Shunem. What did she say that shows us this? _____

147. What did Gehazi suggest to Elisha that the woman might want? _____

148. When Elisha told the woman that she would have a son what did she say? _____



149. The woman called herself a handmaid. What does the word handmaid mean? (concordance). _____



150. Find a verse which shows Mary referring to herself as a handmaid. _____



151. Name at least 3 other women that were not able to have children and then by the power of Yahweh they had children. _____

152. Years later, when her son went out in the field what happened?

153. What did the father say to a lad nearby? _____



154. This boy was taken to his mother. What details are given in verse 20 about the death of her son? _____

155. When her son died, what did she do with him? _____

156. What event in the life of Elijah would the woman be thinking about? _____

157. What did she immediately ask her husband for? _____

158. What did she reply to her husband when he asked why she needed to go to the man of God? _____

159. When the man of God, saw her coming what did he tell Gehazi to do? _____

160. Why do you think the woman told Gehazi that all was well? _____

161. What did she do when she got to Elisha that showed her helpless position? _____

162. What was Gehazi's reaction to this? _____



163. In verse 28 we see that the woman was in a desperate state. She had not asked for a child, she hadn't jumped at the opportunity when Elisha had made the promise to her. In fact she said, "do not deceive me." In the eyes of the woman of Shunem why would it have been better if she had not had the child in the first place? _____

164. What did Elisha tell Gehazi to do when he heard about the woman's son? _____

165. What did the woman say that convinced Elisha to go with her? _____

166. What happened when Gehazi did what Elisha had told him to do? _____

167. Why do you think that Gehazi's efforts did not save the child? (Hint: James 5:16; 2 Kings 5:20-27) _____



168. Where was the child when the man of God arrived at the woman's house? _____

169. Who was in the room when Elisha healed the boy? _____

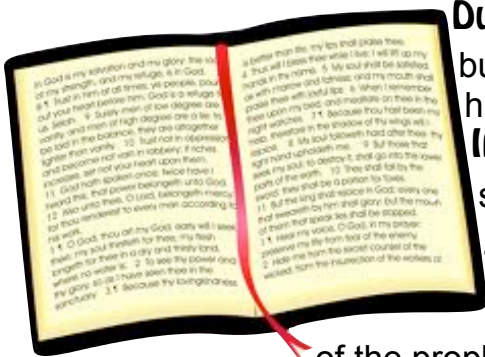
170. The process of healing this boy was very detailed, and takes up two verses. Explain exactly what Elisha did to heal the boy. _____

171. What did the woman do when she saw that her son was alive? _____



Some time later Elisha warned the woman of Shunem that there was going to be a famine that was going to last for seven years, and that the famine was going to be so bad that she should leave the land.

172. How long did the famine that took place in the days of Elijah last? _____



During the seven year famine things were difficult for everyone, but as we will see in the next two stories, Yahweh provides for his people.

In the Bible, food represents the teachings of God which sustain us every day. Without eating the word of God **each day** we will go hungry and soon find that we are spiritually starving. In this story God had provided for the sons of the prophets even during this terrible famine, but one of the sons of the prophets put a whole bunch of wild, poisonous gourds into the pot. This would be like putting man's ideas into the truth from God. If we try to put our ideas into the words of God we will find that the word of God no longer saves us, but instead brings death.

173. Who did Elisha spend time with when he came to Gilgal? _____



174. What does the word 'dearth' mean? _____

175. Why do you think the sons of the prophets were sitting before Elisha? _____

176. Explain in your own words what happened in v 39. _____

177. What was wrong with the pottage (or soup)? _____

178. What do the wild gourds represent? _____

179. How did Elisha fix this problem? _____



180. With this all in mind, what do you think the meal (flour) that was put into the pot represented? _____



During that famine another incident took place that again shows us the grace of God. A man came and brought of the first of his crops to provide for the sons of the prophets. This was an amazing thing because the famine had made it almost impossible to grow crops. However, some of the sons of the prophets were not impressed because there was not enough for all of them. A miracle then took place that made it clear to all of them that Yahweh provides for His people.

181. What present did the man of Ba'al-shalisha bring to Elisha? _____

182. What did he say the present was for? _____



183. What is a "servitor"? _____



184. Why did Elisha's servitor complain? _____

185. What did Elisha say that showed that there was plenty for everyone? _____



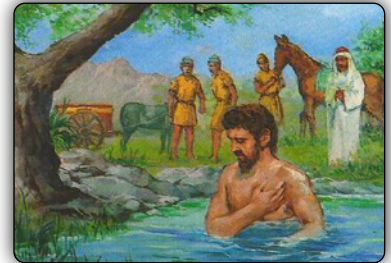
186. Which of the miracles of Christ does this remind us of? _____

We have seen that Yahweh’s ultimate purpose is for people to hear His words and to be saved. **He saved** the people of Jericho by healing their water, **He saved** Jehoshaphat and the armies by providing water in the desert, **He saved** the Shunammite woman’s son because of her great faith and **He saved** the sons of the prophets from the poison in the pot. Yahweh has promised to **save us** from man’s greatest enemy, death, if we make Him first in our lives. But did you know that some people do not want to be saved? Or at least they want something else in life more than they want to be saved. They think it is better to have money, possessions, to feel important or to have everyone like them than to be in the kingdom of God.

In this chapter we read about a man who had leprosy, who wanted more than anything to be saved. We also read about another man who wanted to be rich. In the end they both got what they wanted most. Naaman was given life and the opportunity to serve Yahweh while Gehazi gained the riches he wanted, but along with it he became a leper.

**We Must
Want To
Be Saved
Above
All Else**

187. Naaman was a man who had everything. We are told 6 things about him in this verse. What are they?



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188. As the hero of the nation of Syria, Naaman seemed to have everything going for him. But all of this was nothing because he had a disease called leprosy. Answer the following questions about leprosy (Bible dictionary) :



What part of the body did leprosy affect? _____

Was there a cure for leprosy? _____

Where were people that had leprosy forced to live? _____

Describe the symptoms of leprosy. _____

189. Describe how you would feel if you were the richest person on earth and you had leprosy. Would you be allowed to go to school? Who would you hang out with? Would you be able to stay with your parents? - What else would be different than the way you live now? _____



190. Naaman's wife had a servant girl. Where had this girl come from? _____

191. What did this girl say to her mistress? _____

192. The servant girl was probably not much older than you are, and she was able to convince Naaman and his wife that Yahweh had the power to save him from his leprosy. What would you have told Naaman to try to convince your powerful master to go to Elisha? _____

193. What did the king of Syria do because of what this young slave girl had said? _____

194. Naaman brought 750 pounds of silver with him. If silver is worth \$500.00 per pound how much was the silver that he brought worth? _____

195. It is thought that Naaman also brought 150 pounds of gold with him. If gold is worth \$25,000.00 per pound how much was the gold worth? _____

196. Why do you think Naaman brought so much money with him? _____

197. Explain, in your own words, what the king of Israel thought when he heard what the Syrian king wanted him to do. _____

198. Why did Elisha tell the king to send Naaman to him? _____

Leprosy

Leprosy is a disease
which is a lot like sin.

Sin

Connect the characteristics on the left to the characteristics on the right to show how Leprosy is like Sin

Leprosy starts out inside where it cannot be seen, and only after it's formed inside is it displayed outwardly.

There was no cure for leprosy, a person had it until they died, usually from the disease.

Leprosy was very contagious and so lepers were kept far away from everyone else.

Sin brings us death.

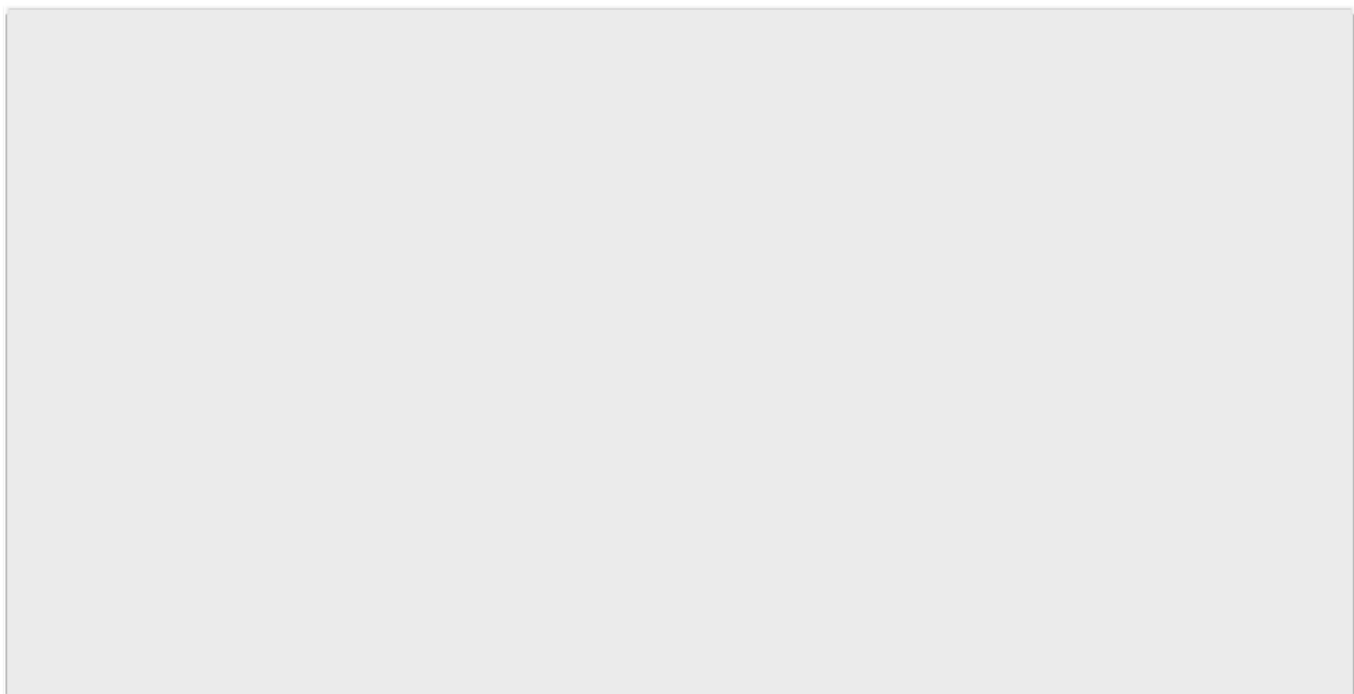
Bad behavior spreads and it is smart for us to stay far from it so that we do not end up sinning as well.

Sin starts out inside of our minds and then is displayed outwardly in our actions.

In the story of Naaman there was only one way for Naaman to be saved from his leprosy. That was to humble himself in front of everyone by washing in the murky Jordan River.

For us to be saved from sin we must do exactly like Naaman by humbling ourselves in baptism and then living a life in service to Yahweh.

199. The word for **chariot** in verse 9 is the Hebrew word, "**rekeb**" which means "a team" or "cavalry." This means there was an entire force of military chariots! Draw a picture of Naaman with all of his men, his chariots and horses and all of the gold silver and garments pulling up in front of Elisha's house.



200. Why do you think Elisha sent his servant out to talk to Naaman rather than going out himself? _____

201. How do you think Naaman felt when only a servant came out to talk to him? _____



202. What did Elisha tell Naaman to do? _____

203. Naaman wanted to be healed from this awful disease very badly, so did he immediately do what the prophet of Yahweh told him to do? _____



204. Naaman didn't get the big show of power he had expected, but he was willing to do what the man of God said: up to a point. What was Naaman's idea for a 'compromise'? _____

205. What did Naaman's servants tell him that persuaded him to follow Elisha's directions? _____



206. Verse 14 says that, "his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child." Christ tells us that we, too, must become as little children. Where is that found? Copy that verse and where it is found. _____



Mark the above verse in the the margin of your Bible next to verse 14.

207. What lesson was Christ trying to teach when he made that statement? (look at the verses before and after the verse above) _____

208. In verse 15 we see that Naaman has learned his lesson and was humble before God. What did he say about God to Elisha after he was healed? _____

209. What did he want to do in thanks for being healed? _____

210. Elisha refused the gifts. Why do you think he did this? _____



211. What odd thing did Naaman request in verse 17, and why did he want it? (Hint Ex. 20:24-25)



212. Verses 18 & 19 seem to suggest that Elisha thought that it was okay for Naaman to go back to serving the god Rimmon when he got home. We get a different idea of what verse 18 means when we look at The Treasury Of Scripture Knowledge. How does it explain these difficult verses? (if you do not have this book, you can find it online by Googling it)

213. Naaman had come to know that everything that he had (and he had a lot!) was worth nothing as long as he had leprosy. Gehazi, on the other hand, was very impressed with all that Naaman had and he wanted some of it. Why was it wrong for Gehazi to go after Naaman and request some of his wealth? _____





214. The story that Gehazi made up about the sons of the prophets shows us that Naaman knew all about the sons of the prophets and their work. Unfortunately, when Gehazi took a 75 pound bag of silver for each of them, Naaman and his people would have begun to be curious about some things. What might they have thought about God's truth because of Gehazi? _____

215. Who else did Gehazi lie to? _____

216. By considering Elisha's words to Gehazi in verse 26 we see what the most important things to Gehazi were. List all 8 of them:



217. In the end what did Gehazi receive for all of his trouble? _____

218. Create a comic strip type representation of what Gehazi did in verses 20 - 27 by illustrating the following passages -

<i>2Kings 5:20</i>	<i>2Kings 5:21a</i>	<i>2Kings 5:21b</i>
<i>2Kings 5:22</i>	<i>2Kings 5:23a</i>	<i>2Kings 5:23b</i>
<i>2Kings 5:24</i>	<i>2Kings 5:25a</i>	<i>2Kings 5:25b</i>
<i>2Kings 5:26</i>	<i>2Kings 5:27a</i>	<i>2Kings 5:27b</i>



2 Kings 6

Yahweh Saves~ Even In Small Things

One thing we learn while studying the life of Elisha is that Yahweh saves in **big** things and Yahweh saves in **small** things. He influences kings and countries and He influences little ecclesias, families and even individuals like us. He does this to help us bring about His purposes. Imagine if there was someone that was interested in learning the truth but there was no one to teach them. Yahweh might work in their lives so that they meet you. At the same time He might be working in your life so that you are learning just the right lessons from

His word to be ready for their questions. It is really amazing how much Yahweh is working in our lives. The story of the floating axehead is an example of just how Yahweh saves even in small things.



219. Look up the word 'strait' in the concordance. What does it mean? _____

220. What problem were the sons of the prophets having? _____

221. They had a plan. They were workers too. What did they want to do to fix this problem? _____

222. What did they want the man of God to do? _____

223. Why do you think they wanted him to do that? _____

224. Where did they go to cut wood? _____



225. Look up the word 'beam' from v.5 in a concordance. What does the meaning of the word tell us about the size of the trees that they were cutting down? _____

226. Some Christadelphian halls were built by the brothers and sisters. Ask your parents or Uncles and Aunts if they know of any that were - name some here. _____



227. Give two reasons why having this axe head sink was a big problem for this man. _____



228. Explain how the miracle of the axehead floating would show the sons of the prophets that Yahweh was in favor of what they were doing.

**We Must
Obey
Yahweh to
be Saved**



**2 Kings
6:8 -
7:20**

In our studies so far we have seen many examples of how Yahweh saves people. In the next two chapters we will see a man that Yahweh could not save. It might seem strange to think that Yahweh, the creator of the whole universe could be unable to save someone, but it is true. He cannot save people that refuse to listen to him and refuse to obey Him. King Jehoram of Israel was a man that Yahweh could not save because he refused to give up the wicked ways that he learned from Jezebel his mother. Yahweh gave him amazing proofs that He was the only true God, but Jehoram would not listen, he refused to listen to God. He wanted to keep on living his life the way that he wanted to, doing what he wanted to do, worshipping the gods he wanted to worship.

After Naaman had been saved from his leprosy the Syrian armies kept attacking Israel. They would look for places where Israel was weak and they would send small armies of men that would steal everything that was valuable and kill everyone that tried to stop them.

Yahweh used these attacks as a an opportunity to show Jehoram that He was in control and that He could save, so He told Jehoram what his enemies, the Syrians, were going to do before they did it.

229. Who was the man of God that told Jehoram the king where the Syrians were? (hint v12)

230. What would the man of God do every time that the king of Syria came up with another plan of attack, or another great strategy? _____

231. If you were the king of Israel how would you feel about Elisha while all of this was going on? What would you think about Yahweh? _____

232. What did the King of Syria suspect was happening? _____

233. One of the King of Syria's servants knew what was really happening. Can you think of who that servant of the King of Syria might have been? _____

234. Once the King of Syria found out where Elisha was, what did he do? _____

235. When Elisha's servant woke up in the morning what did he see? _____

236. Elisha's answer was one that we should remember all of the time. Fill in the blanks with Elisha's answer to his servant's worry about the enemies surrounding them.

" _____, for _____ that be with _____ are _____
than _____ that be with _____."

237. What do you think Elisha meant by what said in verse 16? _____

238. When Elisha prayed to God in verse 17 what did he ask for? _____

239. Elisha's servant saw the horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. What were these horses and chariots of fire? (hint check back in your notes)



240. From the verses 16 and 17 it is clear that the angels were with Elisha even before Elisha's servant saw them. How do we know this?

241. Explain how Psa 34:7 goes along with the events of this chapter. _____

God knows our circumstances,
God knows our needs.
He will help us if we turn to Him.
But He will not always help us in
the way He helped Elisha and
his servant at Dothan!
Sometimes He wants us to endure
troubles so that our character
may be perfected.
We must constantly pray to God,
but we need to leave the means
of help to Him.
Remember, that no genuine
prayer goes unanswered -
though sometimes we do not
receive the things we pray for.

242. What did Elisha pray for Yahweh to do to the Syrian army? _____



243. Explain in your own words what it is that Elisha did to the Syrian army in verses 19-20. _____

244. When the king of Israel saw the whole Syrian army in the middle of his capital city, what did he ask Elisha? _____

245. What did Elisha tell the king of Israel to do to the Syrian army? _____

246. The word “bands” in verse 23 means a group of individuals who raid and steal from an enemy. What kind of force did Ben-hadad king of Syria send after he stopped sending the bands into Israel? _____

Yahweh had again given Jehoram proof that he was the only true God. But Jehoram was still unwilling to change his ways, and so Yahweh again brought the Syrians against Israel. But this time it was to be much more unpleasant for Israel. Benhadad and his army “besieged” the capital city of Israel; Samaria. This word ‘besieged’ means that their army had the entire city surrounded so that no one could get in or out. They were stuck cramped in this walled city. We don’t know how long this lasted, but we know it was very, very bad. It was impossible for them to get any water, so nothing could grow, their animals all died, people were dying, and pretty soon all of the food or places to get food were gone.



247. The famine in Samaria was so bad that people would eat **anything** just to keep themselves alive, and even things that people would normally never even *consider* eating became so desired, that they would pay great amounts of money for anything they could possibly eat. What are two things mentioned in verse 25 that people were paying a lot of money for, that normally no one would even dream of eating? _____

248. Things in Samaria were getting desperate and the people were suffering because there was no food. One day Jehoram was walking on the wall and a woman cried to him for help. Explain in your own words what Jehoram said to the woman in verse 27. _____

249. Although we can tell by his response in verse 27 that he is very frustrated, the king did want to hear the woman’s problem, so he asked her what was wrong. Describe the appalling and horrifying incident she told the king about. _____

250. Deuteronomy chapter 28 is a chapter that explained how God would work to keep Israel faithful to him. God said that He would bless Israel if they obeyed Him and He would curse Israel if they disobeyed Him. He would use the curses to show Israel their mistakes and to try to bring them back to him. Explain how the events of this chapter are similar to Deut. 28:49-53.

251. As king of God's people, the king of Israel should have realized that the problems he faced were from God, and God just wanted him to repent and obey Him. But he refused to believe that. He didn't even acknowledge the possibility that any of this could possibly be in any way his fault. Instead, he let his temper take over, and when tempers take control usually people act without any logical reasoning. Since he thought that this all couldn't possibly be his fault, who did the king blame? _____



252. What did he say that he was going to do to Elisha? _____

253. In 1 Kings 19, what had Jehoram's mother said when she had set out to kill Elijah? _____

254. The king had sent his executioner to take away the head of Elisha because he thought that that was the only way to get Elisha to stop the famine. What should he have done instead? _____

255. After sending the executioner it seems that Jehoram had second thoughts about his plan to kill Elisha so he ran after the executioner. What did Elisha tell the elders to do to delay the executioner until Jehoram arrived? _____

256. In this chapter we have seen how closely God works in our lives. We have seen how God's angels are all around us, how they control the events of our lives to try make us understand that the ways of God are right and that we should follow those ways. Jehoram had come to understand that the evil that he faced was from God but he just would not change his ways. Explain how Jehoram had learned the lesson of **Elijah's** name but he had not yet learned the lesson of **Elisha's** name. _____

257. Elisha then made a remarkable and totally unbelievable prophecy. What prophecy did he give? _____

258. Compare his prophecy to 6:25, why does this seem like such a ridiculous thing for Elisha to say? _____

259. What was sold for 5 shekels (pieces of silver) at the height of the famine? _____

260. One of the king's captains replied that even if Yahweh himself opened up heaven and poured down water and grain this wouldn't happen. What was Elisha's mysterious sounding reply?

261. What do you think the king and his captain thought Elisha was trying to do by giving this prophecy? _____



262. The story shifts to four lepers who were sitting at the gate of the city. Explain what their plan was from vv3-4 _____

263. The lepers decided to go for it. They were going to throw themselves at the mercy of the Syrians. When they got to the great Syrian army's camp, what did they find? _____

264. In your own words, tell the story of what Yahweh had done, and what had happened to this huge mighty army. _____

265. What did the lepers do when they got to the edges of the camp? _____

266. Once they had made this remarkable discovery, what did they realize they should do and why? _____

267. Who did they tell? _____

268. What did the king of Israel think was happening? (v12) _____

269. One of the king's servants had an idea to see if this was a trick or not. What was his idea? _____

270. What did they find strewn all over the place and what did this indicate to the people of Israel? _____

271. How was the prophecy that Yahweh had given to the king back in verse 1 fulfilled? (Were the heavens opened up like the king's captain had taunted Elisha?) _____

272. How much of the spoils of the Syrians did the lord in charge of the gate get? What happened to him? _____

Yahweh Restores the Land to the Shunammite Woman

Elisha had warned

the Shunammite woman to leave the land for seven years because of a famine. When the famine finally ended she returned with her household from the land of the Philistines. When we look at her life closely

**2 Kings
8:1-6**



we see that it was much like the history of Israel. Israel was looking for the Christ for many years and finally he was born by a miracle from God. That son, Jesus Christ, died suddenly and then he was brought to life again by the saving power of God. Israel was then forced from the land for a time and lived amongst the nations of the world. But Israel has begun to return to the land again and soon her son (Jesus Christ) will return and all the land that was promised to her will be returned and the kingdom will begin. Jesus Christ has been & will be the greatest example of how Yahweh saves .

273. Who does the son that was restored to life represent? _____

274. Who called for the famine on the land of Israel? _____

275. Why did the woman go to the king? _____

276. Often in the scriptures phrases are repeated to show emphasis. What phrase is repeated 3x (almost exactly) in verse 5, and therefore the key point we are to remember about the woman's son? _____

277. What did the king tell his officer to do for the woman? _____

278. How does this compare to what has already started to happen to the nation of Israel in our days? _____

279. Illustrate the story of 2 Kings 8:1-6 in the following boxes

<i>2Kings 8:1</i>	<i>2Kings 8:2</i>	<i>2Kings 8:3</i>	<i>2Kings 8:4</i>
<i>2Kings 8:5a</i>	<i>2Kings 8:5b</i>	<i>2Kings 8:6a</i>	<i>2Kings 8:6b</i>

Even though there were many in Israel that had turned to God there were still many that refused to turn away from the wickedness of Jezebel and Ahab. Because of this, the nation of Israel needed to feel the judgments of God. We remember early in our studies that Elijah had complained about this wickedness to Yahweh. He said, “they have forsaken the covenant and thrown down the altars of Yahweh.” Yahweh’s response was that Elijah should anoint Hazael king of Syria. That anointing was put off for a time because Ahab had repented, but now it was time for Hazael to be given the work of bringing Yahweh’s judgments on Israel because of their wickedness.



The Anointing of Hazael

2 Kings 8:7-15

280. What country is Damascus the capital of? _____

281. What condition was Ben-hadad in when Elisha got to Damascus? _____

282. Elisha was a prophet for the very country that Ben-hadad had tried to utterly destroy just a few short years earlier! Yet what did he do when he heard that Elisha, the man of God had come to his city? _____

283. WHO does he send? _____

WHAT does he send? _____

WHY does he send? _____

284. Elisha answered Hazael’s question. Was Ben-hadad going to recover from his disease? (read carefully and circle one) **YES / NO**

285. After he was told whether or not he was going to recover, what other information did Elisha give him about King Ben-hadad that seemed to be saying the opposite thing? _____

286. Yahweh had indeed shown Elisha what would happen to the nation of Israel in the future. This caused Elisha to cry even though he tried very hard not to. What did Elisha see in the future that made him cry so desperately? _____

287. Why would Yahweh bring such terrible things on the nation of Israel? _____

288.- What Hazael said next was very interesting. You would think Hazael would be appalled and horrified by Elisha’s prophecy, but what word did Hazael use to describe the horrible actions Elisha told him about? “*should do this _____ thing?*”

289. When Hazael returned to his master, King Ben-hadad, and the king asked him what message Elisha had for him, what part did Hazael tell him? and what part did he not tell him? _____

290. You can imagine how Hazael might have felt. You can imagine how he might have thought how great it would have been to be king. And now his opportunity had come, he might never again get the chance. What did he do the next morning? _____

291. Explain in your own words how Elisha's prophecy that the king would recover and yet die came to pass. _____

We might find it difficult at first to believe that Yahweh would put in power a man that was going to do so much to hurt Israel. But that is what He did to bring Israel back to him. The nation **needed** to go through trials so that some of the people would be made ready to listen to him. Without those hard times they would have continued in to disobey Yahweh. But the grace of God does not stop with suffering and trials, He also gives us a path of deliverance. The apostle Paul told the Corinthians that along with the hardship He will "also make a way of escape that ye may be able to bear it." This is a comforting thought to us when we are going through difficult trials. So we see that Yahweh brought Hazael against Israel to bring suffering on them so that Israel would turn back to Him and when they turned back there were the sons of the prophets ready to show them the way of escape.

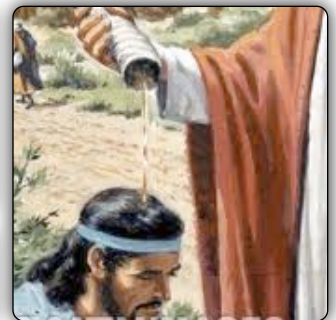


292. Find the verse where Paul says that God will "also make a way to escape that ye may be able to bear it." _____

You may remember that Elijah had also complained to Yahweh that Ahab and Jezebel has killed Yahweh's prophets and that in response to that Yahweh had told Elijah to anoint Jehu to bring judgment on the family of Ahab and Jezebel. In chapter 9 Jehu begins that work after being anointed by one of the sons of the prophets.

The Anointing of Jehu

2 Kings 9:1-10



293. Who did Elisha send to Ramoth- Gilead? _____

294. What was he supposed to say and do after he poured the oil on Jehu's head? _____

295. Fill in the blanks:

"And thou shalt smite the house of _____ thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the _____, and the blood of all the servants of the Lord, at the hand of _____. For the whole house of Ahab shall _____: and I will cut off from Ahab him all males, and him that is shut up and left in Israel: And I will make the house of _____ like the house of _____ the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah: And the _____ shall _____ Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and *there shall be* _____ to bury *her*."

When we again read of the work of Elisha, over 45 years has passed. Jehoram, king of Israel, had been put to death by Jehu, then Jehu became king. He reigned for 28 years and then his son Jehoahaz reigned for 17 years. After Jehoahaz died his son Joash came to the throne, and during Joash's reign Elisha's ministry came to an end.

The Death of Elisha

2 Kings
13:14-25



296. Why did Joash come down to see Elisha? _____

297. Fill in the blanks to show what Joash called Elisha: "O my _____, my _____, the _____ of Israel, and the _____ thereof."

298. Who else was called this? _____

299. Think back to what you learned earlier in your studies: What do the chariots and horsemen represent? _____

300. After Joash shot the arrow what did Elisha say that Joash would do to the Syrians at Aphek? _____

301. What did Elisha tell Joash to do with the arrows in verse 18? _____

302. Why was Elisha angry with Joash for only smiting the ground 3 times with the arrows? _____

It seems strange that Elisha would be angry with Joash for only smiting the arrows on the ground 3 times. How could Joash have known to smite the ground 5 or 6 times? Therefore Elisha must have been angry for another reason. When the time would come to fight the Syrians he knew that Joash would not have the courage, the desire nor the faith to fight them until they would be consumed. Even though the arrows of Yahweh's deliverance were in his hand, (and if Yahweh is for us who can be against us) he would stop fighting against them before they had been destroyed. Elisha was sad because he knew that the chariots of fire would be there but that Joash would not take advantage of them and Syria would not be destroyed. This might remind us of times in our lives when God has been ready to work through us but we let Him down.

303. Where are the three victories of Joash mentioned in this chapter? _____

It had been about 70 years since Elijah had thrown his mantle over Elisha's shoulder, and Elisha had been a faithful servant to Yahweh that whole time. In verse 20 we read that Elisha died. It would have been a great loss to the struggling nation of Israel. They no longer had Elisha, the man that had been a symbol to everyone in Israel that Yahweh was the only God that had the power to save them. They had all heard of his miracles and they had all seen the schools of the prophets thriving. They knew that Israel had a God that was a powerful God and that He controlled everything, even the great nation of Syria. But Elisha was gone now and so the people in Israel must have felt like the Apostles felt when Christ was taken from them. Yet they were given one final miracle to show that even after Elisha's death Yahweh would continue to save.



304. Where were the bands from that invaded Israel after the death of Elisha? _____

305. What happened to the man that was cast into the sepulchre of Elisha? _____

306. How would that miracle have helped to reassure the Israelites? _____



307. Our savior Jesus Christ saved many people in his death. Find a verse that shows this.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Great Work!

You're ALMOST Done

Go back through your work and make sure you haven't skipped any questions

If you're SURE you're done, and you've DONE YOUR BEST, have a parent review it and sign the front

Now get working on your Intermediate Project!!!

Make sure to bring this completed workbook with you to camp...

and your Bible (with markings)...

and your project...

See You SOON!