

Setting

Locate the following places on the Bible map:

- Jezreel • Syria (Aram)²¹
- Beersheba • Mount Horeb

Key Terms and People

Ahab: Seventh king of Israel.

Jezebel: Wife of Ahab and daughter of Ethbaal, king of Sidon.

Elijah: Prophet of God from Tishbe. His name means “My God is Yahweh.”

Hazael: Future king of Syria.

Jehu: Future king of Israel.

Elisha: Prophet of the LORD; successor of Elijah. His name means “God saves.”



Story Moments

Context: Review the events of 1 Kings 18 that have led us to this point in the story.

Elijah Runs from Jezebel

19:1–3. What does Jezebel do when she hears of Elijah’s victory? _____

How does Elijah respond? _____

Does his response surprise you? _____

Why or why not? _____

19:4. Where does Elijah end up? _____

Describe Elijah’s prayer in 19:4: _____

Who is with him at this moment (see 19:3)? _____

What does he ask God to do? _____

What reason does he give for this request? _____

Think about it: Elijah cries out to God that he is no better than his fathers. What sin does this reveal in his thinking?

19:5–8. How does God provide for Elijah through the angel of the LORD? What did Elijah need? _____

The LORD Speaks to Elijah

19:9–10. What question does the LORD ask Elijah? _____

How does Elijah respond? _____

At this point, what has Elijah forgotten? _____

²¹ In this passage, the New King James translates *Aram* as “Syria.” These regions are generally interchangeable.

19:11–12. What experience does Elijah have on the mountain?

- First, _____
- Then, _____
- Then, _____
- Finally, _____

What do the first three have in common? _____

19:13–14. How does Elijah respond to the still small voice? _____

What question does the Lord (again) ask Elijah? (see 19:9–10) How does he (again) respond? _____

19:15–16. What instruction does the LORD give Elijah at this point? _____

How will he interact with the following people?

- Hazael _____
- Jehu _____
- Elisha _____

19:17–18. What prediction does the LORD make related to Hazael, Jehu, and Elisha? _____

What fact does the LORD tell Elijah in 19:18? _____

Compare what the Lord says here with what Elijah had been saying throughout this story (18:22; 19:10, 14)? _____

Introduction to Elisha

19:19. What is Elisha doing when Elijah finds him? _____

Cross References

1 Kings 18:22

Then Elijah said to the people, “I alone am left a prophet of the LORD; but Baal’s prophets are four hundred and fifty men.

Luke 9:61–62

⁶¹ And another also said, “Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go *and* bid them farewell who are at my house.”

⁶² But Jesus said to him, “No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

What does Elijah do to Elisha as a way of calling him to be the prophet who will take his place?

19:20. What does Elisha request of Elijah before leaving to follow him? _____

How does Elijah respond to this request? _____

How does Jesus respond to a similar situation when he calls a disciple to follow him (see Luke 9:61–62)? _____

19:21. What does Elisha do with the oxen he was using to plow the field? _____

How does this choice demonstrate his commitment to follow Elijah? _____

Ask Yourself

Have I ever had a spiritual low after experiencing a spiritual high? What should I do when I am tempted to discouragement?

How does God encourage Elijah when he is at his low? How can I use this pattern to help myself or others when facing an emotional low point?

Sometimes, God works in ways that are less than spectacular. What are some “small ways” that you have seen the Lord work in your own life?

Am I willing—like Elisha was—to leave everything behind and follow God’s leading in my life?