

# 50+ Sunday School Class

All Saints Presbyterian Church  
Austin, TX

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# *The Life of Elijah*

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**Happy Mother's Day!**

**Prayer**

**Class Schedule**

## *Life of Elijah – 5/8/2022*

- 1/9 - *Because You Asked #1*
- 1/16 - *Because You Asked #2*
- 1/23 - *Because You Asked #3*
- 1/30 - *Because You Asked #4*
  
- 2/6 - *Life of Elijah 1 – Context of Arrival*
- 2/13 - *Life of Elijah 2 – Basic Training at Cherith – 17:1-7*
- 2/20 - Guest Teacher: Matt Ziehr - *Missions*
- 2/27 - Guest Teacher: Bill Laughlin - *Heaven*
  
- 3/6 - *Life of Elijah 3 – Advanced Training at Zarephath – 17.8ff*
- 3/13 - Guest Teacher (in Israel): Jeff Springer - *Gentleness*
- 3/20 - Guest Teacher: Jeff Springer – *Thriving vs. Surviving*
- 3/27 - *Life of Elijah 4 – The God of the Impossible – 17:17-24*

## *Life of Elijah – 5/8/2022*

- 4/3 - *Life of Elijah – 5 – The God of All gods – 18.1-40*
- 4/10 - *Life of Elijah – 6 – The God of All Giving – 18.41-46*
- 4/17 - No Class (Easter)
- 4/24 - *Life of Elijah – 7 – Echoes of Moses – 19.1-21*
  
- 5/1 - *Life of Elijah – 8 – The God of Justice – 21.1-29*
- **5/8 - *Life of Elijah – 9 – 2 Kgs 1.1-18***
- 5/15 - *Life of Elijah – 10 – 2 Kgs 2.1-18*
- 5/22 – Special Class
- 5/29 – No Class (Memorial Day Weekend)
  
- 9/11 – Class Resumes

A Very Broad History of Israel

2000 BC – Abraham – (Mid Bronze) – Genesis

1500 BC – Moses – (Late Bronze) – Exodus–Numbers

1000 BC – David – (Iron 1) – Samuel–Kings–Chronicles

930 BC – Kingdom Divides into Israel & Judah

885-874 – Omri

874-853 – Ahab      \*→ Elijah ←\*

722 BC – Israel's Exile to Assyria

586 BC – Judah's Exile to Babylon

400 BC – Return & Settlement (Persian & Hellenistic) – Nehemiah

4 BC – Christ (Roman) – Gospels

30-100 AD – Church – Acts–Revelation

# THE KINGDOMS OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH

1 KINGS 12



- **Jereboam**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Israeli king. **22** years. 1 Kings 12:25-33; 13:33. High Places.
- Syncretistic **golden calf worship** in Bethel & Dan.

- ... Nadab ... Baasha ... Elah ... Zimri ... Omri ...

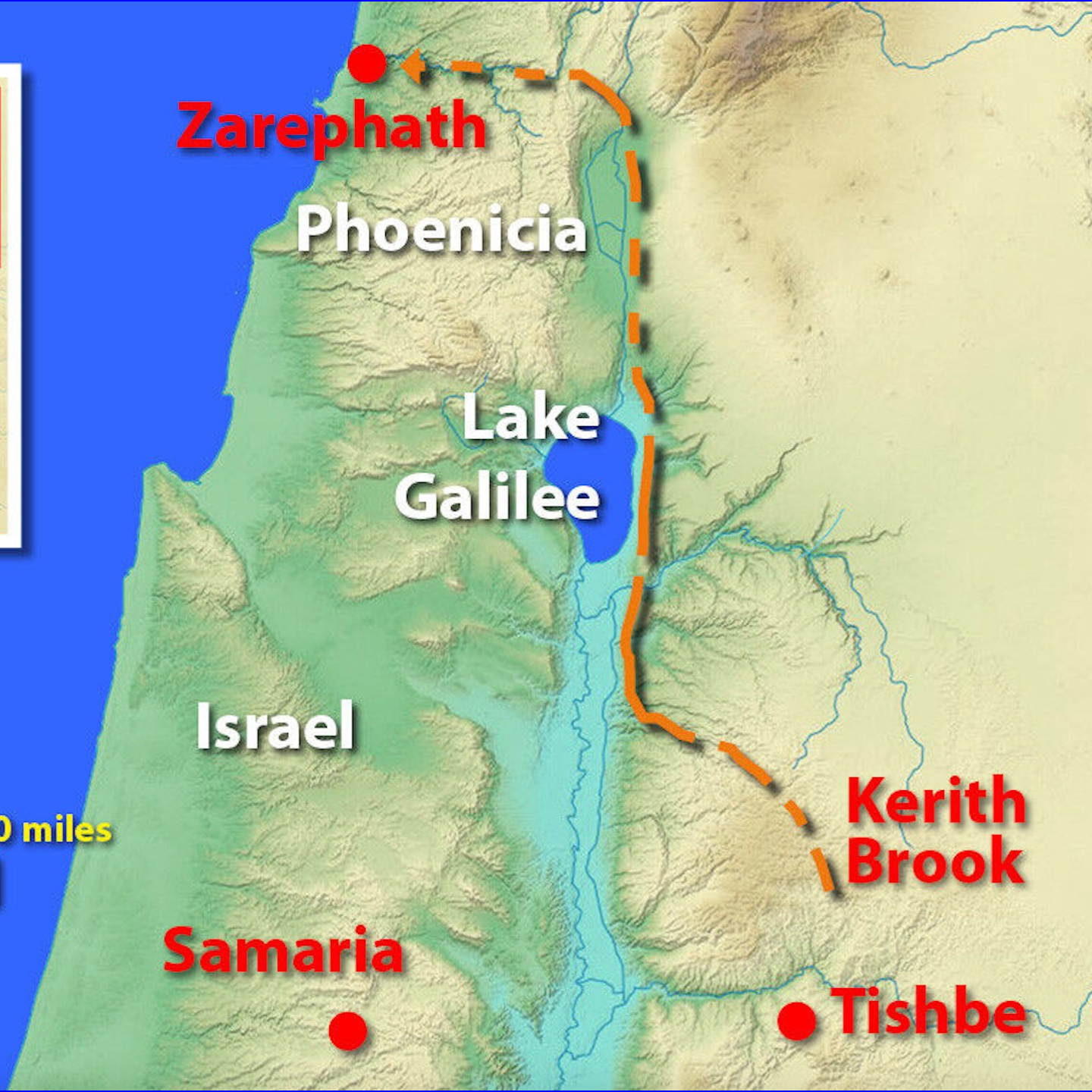
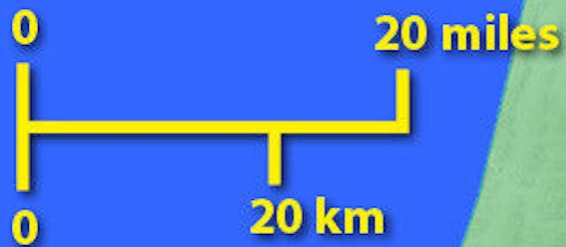
- **Ahab**

- 22 years. Wife Jezebel. **1 Kings 16:29-33**.
- Introduced Asherah & **Baal worship**. Rebuilds Jericho.





**Scale**



**Zarephath**

**Phoenicia**

**Lake  
Galilee**

**Israel**

**Samaria**

**Kerith  
Brook**

**Tishbe**

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- **Today**: 2 Kings 1.1-18 – *The God Who Warns*

1 Kings 22 –

*37 So the king died, and was brought to Samaria. And they buried the king in Samaria. 38 And they washed the chariot by the pool of Samaria, and the dogs licked up his blood, and the prostitutes washed themselves in it, according to the word of the LORD that he had spoken.... 40 So Ahab slept with his fathers, and Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.... 51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and he reigned two years over Israel. 52 He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and walked in the way of his father and in the way of his mother and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. 53 He served Baal and worshiped him and provoked the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger in every way that his father had done.*

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- BUT...1 Samuel 5.10-12

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- Representing the King of Kings should give you courage, even before lesser kings.
- Martin Luther – “Afraid? Greater than the pope and all his cardinals, I fear most that great pope, self.”

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## God's Warnings Against Occult Involvement

- 1 Corinthians 10.20  
*What pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons.*
- Leviticus 19.31  
*Do not turn to mediums or necromancers; do not seek them out, and so make yourselves unclean by them: I am the LORD your God.*

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- Leviticus 20.6

*If a person turns to mediums and necromancers, whoring after them, I will set my face against that person and will cut him off from among his people.*

- Deuteronomy 18.9-12

*<sup>9</sup> “When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of those nations. <sup>10</sup> There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer <sup>11</sup> or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead, <sup>12</sup> for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD. And because of these abominations the LORD your God is driving them out before you.*

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- 1 John 4:4  
*He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world*

Prayer Requests

Next Class on 5/15/22