

# 50+ Sunday School Class

All Saints Presbyterian Church  
Austin, TX

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# *The Life of Elijah*

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## *Life of Elijah – 5/15/2022*

- 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 – 5/15/2022*

- 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 – The God Who Warns – 2 Kings 1*
- **5/15 - *Life of Elijah – 10 – 2 Kings 2.1-18***
- 5/22 – Guest Speakers: Bill Laughlin & Noel Coppedge
- 5/29 – No Class (Memorial Day Weekend)
- 6/5 – Special Class – *Experiencing Israel*
- 9/11 – Class Resumes

**Lunch Today!**

**Special Announcement**

**Prayer**

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.
- Introduced Asherah & **Baal worship**. Rebuilds Jericho.

- **Ahaziah**

- 2 years. Son of Ahab & Jezebel. **2 Kings 1**.



- **Elijah**

- **El** (God) **i** (my) **jah** (Jehovah) = *My God is Jehovah (YHWH)*  
= *The LORD is my God*

- **1 Kings 17**

- **Samaria**—“...neither dew nor rain...except by my word.”
- To **Cherith/Kerith** – Fed by Ravens ...
- To ... **Zarephath** – Widow & Son ...

- **1 Kings 18**

- To **Mt. Carmel** – Deity Contest... Yahweh sends rain ...
- To **Jezreel**

- **1 Kings 19**

- To **Mt. Horeb/Sinai** – Echoes of Moses

- **1 Kings 21 – 2 Kings 1**

- **Samaria**—Justice for Neboth. Death to Ahab & Ahaziah.

- **Today**: 2 Kings 2 – *Succession*

2 Kings 2

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  - Joshua 6—their Normandy Beach (D-Day)
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- Deuteronomy 21.16-17
- James 4.2-3

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- Malachi 4.5-6
- Matthew 16.13-14
- Echoes . . .

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- 4—God's power is not tied to a particular era
  - 2 Kings 2 (850 BC) echoes Joshua 3-4 (1400 BC)
  - The God of the Bronze Age (Joshua) is  
... the God of the Iron Age (Elijah) is ... the God of Today

Prayer Requests

Next Class on 5/22/22