

50+ Sunday School Class

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Austin, TX

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Life of Elisha

Powerful Faith in the Face of Apostasy

Fall 2022

Taught by Rev. Craig Chapman

Life of Elisha – 11/13/2022

- 9/11 – *Life of Elisha 1* – 2 Kings 2:19-25 – 2 Cities: Jericho & Bethel
- 9/18 – *Life of Elisha 2* – 2 Kings 4.1-7 – Poor Widow
- 9/25 – *Life of Elisha 3* – 2 Kings 4.8-37 – Family at Shunum
- 10/2 – Guest Teacher – Rev. Adam Radcliff
- 10/9 – *Life of Elisha 4* – 2 Kings 5 – Naaman, Gehazi & a Slave
- 10/16 – *Life of Elisha 5* – 2 Kings 6.1-7 – Floating Axe Head
- 10/23 – *Life of Elisha 6* – 2 Kings 6.8-23 – Open Our Eyes
- 10/30 – *Life of Elisha 7* – 2 Kgs 6.24-7.20 – Siege & Deliverance
- 11/6 – Guest Teacher – Rev. Bill Laughlin
- **11/13 – *Life of Elisha 8* – 2 Kgs 13.10-25 – Arrows, Errors & Bones**

Fall 50+ Calendar

- Friday, 12/2
 - Annual Christmas Party at the Abernethys' – 6.30-9.30 PM

Winter-Spring 50+ Calendar***

- January
 - Sunday, 1/8 – Class Resumes
 - Sunday, 1/15 – BYOLunch in the Tabernacle
 - Tuesday, 1/24 – Lunch & Tour of KMFA Radio Station
- February
 - Friday, 2/10 or 2/17 – Dinners for 9
- March
 - Mon, 3/20– Community 1st Village Tour & Lunch
- April
 - Sun, 4/2 – BYOLunch in the Tabernacle
 - Mon, 4/17 – Tue, 4/18 – Retreat at Camp Balcones Springs
- May
 - 5/13 – Lake Travis Lunch at the Nicols – hike & pot luck

Songs of Praise

Prayer

“Life of Elisha – Powerful Faith in the Face of Apostasy”

50+ Songs of Praise

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

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Be Thou My Vision

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.



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A Very Broad History of Israel

2000 BC – Abraham – (Mid Bronze Age) – Genesis

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

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

930 BC – Kingdom Divides: **Israel & Judah** (Solomon's death)

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798-782 – Joash (wayward) “

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



- Elijah

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

- 1 Kings 17 – 21 – Ministry of Elijah

- 2 Kings 2 – 13 – Ministry of Elisha

- Elisha

- El (God) i (my) sha (Salvation) = *My God is Salvation*

- = *My God saves*

- Apostasy

- *a falling away, a withdrawal, a defection*

- *Judeo-Christian – a withdrawal from faith and trust (belief) in God*

Last Several Weeks—

- 10/9 – 2 Kings 5 – Naaman the Syrian
- 10/16 – 2 Kings 6:1-7 – Floating Axe Head
 - Our Creator rules over his creation
 - God cares for the ordinary details of your life
 - Helpful approaches for interpreting Scripture
- 10/23 – 2 Kings 6:8-23 – Lord, Open Our Eyes
 - We're born spiritually blind—to our sin, self, & God's grace
 - God must give spiritual sight, often thru suffering
- **10/30** – 2 Kings 6:24-7:20 – Siege & Deliverance
 - God (ch)uses the unlikely to do his work so we boast in Him
 - God's good news needs evangelists to make it known
 - Your past/present failures or obscurity don't disqualify you ...

Today—

- 11/13 – 2 Kings 13:10-25 – Arrows, Errors & Bones

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793-753 – Jeroboam II (11 years as co-regent with his father)

722 BC – Israel's Exile to Assyria

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2 Kings 13:1-9

...king of Judah, **Jehoahaz** the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and he reigned seventeen years. ² He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and **followed the sins of Jeroboam...**, which he made Israel to sin; he **did not depart from them.** ³ And the **anger of the LORD** was kindled against Israel, and he **gave them continually into the hand of Hazael king of Syria** and into the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael. ⁴ Then Jehoahaz **sought the favor of the LORD**, and the **LORD listened** to him, for he saw...how the king of Syria oppressed [Israel]. ⁵ (Therefore the **Lord gave Israel a savior**, so that they escaped from the hand of the Syrians, and the people of Israel lived in their homes as formerly. ⁶ Nevertheless, **they did not depart from the sins** of the house of Jeroboam, which he made Israel to sin, but walked in them; and the **Asherah** also remained in Samaria.) ... ⁹ So Jehoahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria, and Joash his son reigned...

Lessons & Applications

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2—

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2 Kings 13:10-14

¹⁰ *In the thirty-seventh year of Joash [Jehoash] king of Judah, **Jehoash** [Joash] the son of **Jehoahaz** began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and he reigned sixteen years. ¹¹ He also did what was evil in the sight of the LORD. He did not depart from all the **sins of Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, which he made Israel to sin, but he walked in them. ¹² Now the rest of the acts of Joash and all that he did, and the might with which he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel? ¹³ So Joash slept with his fathers, and Jeroboam sat on his throne. And Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel. ¹⁴ Now when Elisha had fallen sick with the illness of which he was to die, Joash king of Israel went down to him and wept before him, crying, “**My father**, my father! The **chariots of Israel and its horsemen!**”*

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2 Kings 13:15-19

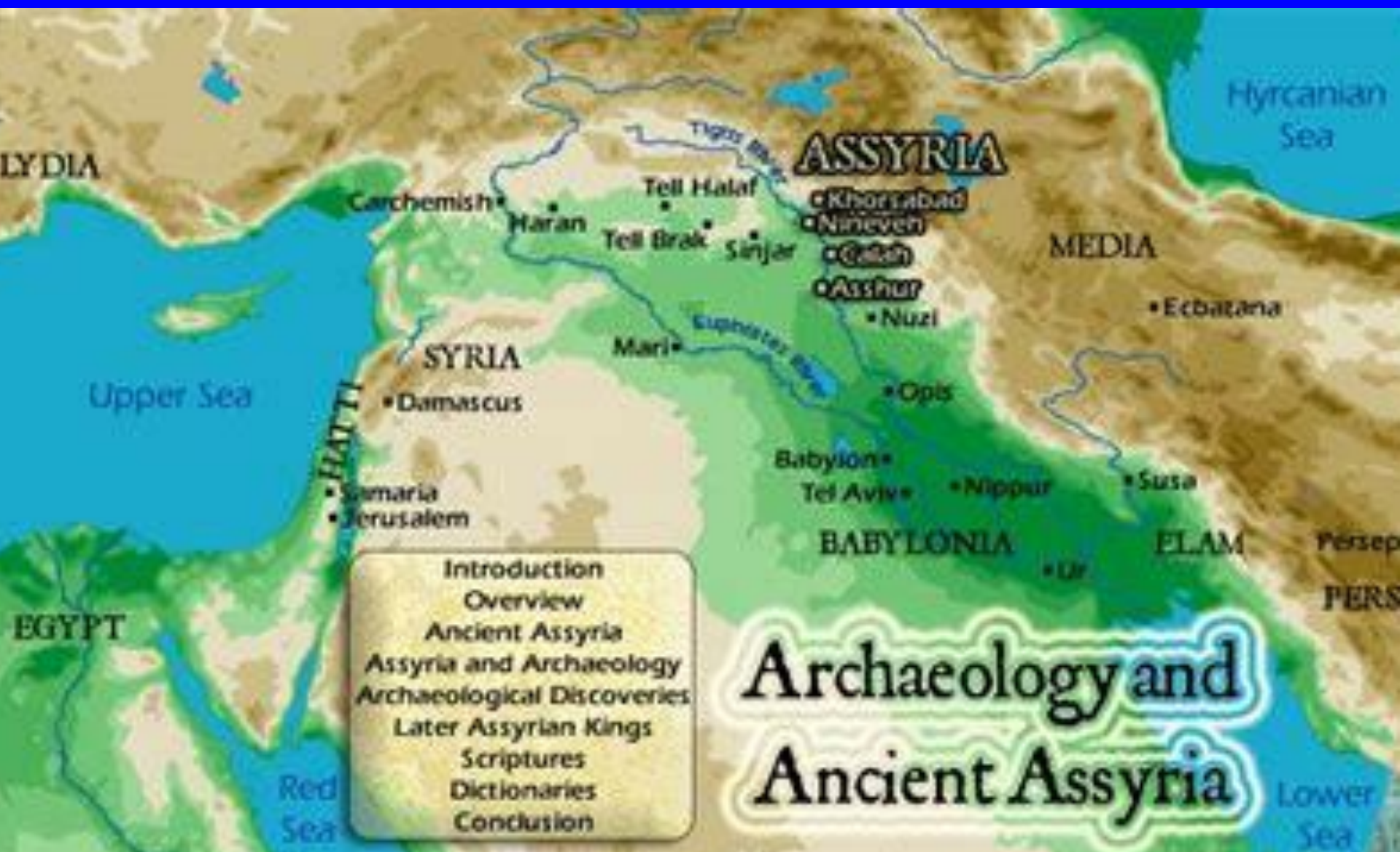
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2 Kings 13:20-21

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Prayer Requests

Next Class on 1/8/2023