



# Elisha



Israel continued in troubled times of war with neighbouring countries. In Israel, Elisha brought God's help and God's message. After Elisha's time, Israel's kings continued in sin in following the ways of other gods.



Elisha wanted to be a powerful prophet in Israel like Elijah had been. He said, " \_\_\_\_\_ ."

[2 Kings 2v9]

God had already chosen him for that work! God told Elijah to anoint Elisha to \_\_\_\_\_ .

[1 Kings 19v16]



Elisha begins to help Elijah.

1 Kings 19v19-21

Elijah goes to heaven, Elisha takes his place.

2 Kings 2v1-18

Elisha helps the city of Jericho.

2v19-22

Elisha helps kings of Israel and Judah against Moab.

3

Elisha helps two families.

4v1-37

Elisha helps a group of prophets.

4v38-44

Elisha helps Naaman, the Syrian commander.

5

Elisha helps a prophet in trouble.

6v1-7

Elisha helps the king of Israel against Syria.

6-7

There is a message before Elisha's death, and a miracle afterwards.

13v14-21



The stories of the kings of the separate kingdoms (Israel in the north and Judah in the south) are in 1 Kings 12 to 2 Kings 25 and 2 Chronicles 10-36. Some of the stories are in Kings and Chronicles.





Even though God had sent Elisha and other prophets to Israel, they still carried on doing wrong. [2 Kings 17v13-14]

Read 2 Kings 17v15-17.

Whose customs and practices did they copy? \_\_\_\_\_

What did they do about what God had told them? \_\_\_\_\_

What things did they do in worshipping other gods? \_\_\_\_\_



The names Elisha and Jesus, using different words for God, both mean Saviour-God. Elisha was like Jesus in bringing God's answers to people's needs.

Some of Elisha's miracles were like the ones Jesus did:-

<b>Miracle</b>	<b>Elisha</b>	<b>Jesus</b>
Filled jars	Oil 2 Kings 4v1-7	Wine John 2
Child raised from dead	Boy 2 Kings 4v18-37	Girl Mark 5v35-43
More than enough bread	Prophets 2 Kings 4v42-44	5000 fed Mark 6v34-44
Incurable told to wash and is healed	Naaman 2 Kings 5	Blind man John 9v1-6
People come alive after his death	At cave 2 Kings 13v20-21	In Jerusalem Matthew 27v50-53



Kings of Israel, Judah and other countries, soldiers, prophets, rich and poor families, friends and enemies - Elisha had confidence in God to meet every person and every situation. Are you trusting Jesus for every person and every situation you meet?