

Elijah - God's Messenger of Justice



Sunday Bible Study of 1 & 2 Kings

June 13, 20, 27 & July 4

9:15 to 10:15am

Facilitated by Marianne & David Evett and Meghan Kirkland

During the summer and fall, the Sunday morning Old Testament readings focus on the prophets, beginning with the stories of Elijah and Elisha from 1 and 2 Kings. This series will look at the 9th century BC prophet who challenged the priests of the pagan god Baal, worked miracles, supported the helpless, took refuge in the wilderness, chose Elisha as his successor, and was taken up into the heavens with a chariot of fire.

Participants will learn about the historical context within which Elijah's prophetic ministry occurred, and discover why he has become an important figure in the Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Mormon, and Ba'Hai faiths.

The series is designed so that each session is self-contained. You do not have to attend all four meetings to get something significant from this series. Please try to read further in the two books of Kings, so that the episodes we study can take their place for you in the story as a whole.

"O LORD, you are God and I am your servant." (1 Kings 18:36)

At the heart of our study lie the questions

What is a prophet?

What does a prophet do?

How do we connect with ancient prophetic messages today?

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

June 13 – Introduction: Who was Elijah?

A look at readings from previous Sundays:

1 Kings 17:8-24 (the challenge to Baal)

1 Kings 18:20-39 (a poor woman feeds Elijah and is rewarded by God)

1 Kings 21:1-21 (Ahab covets Naboth's vineyard and seizes it after he dies.)

June 20 – Elijah's encounter with God

1 Kings 19:1-15 (Elijah flees to the wilderness; God comes to him in the silence.)

June 27 – Elisha takes up the mantle of Elijah

2 Kings 2:1-14 (Elisha becomes successor to Elijah; Elijah is taken into the heavens.)

July 4 – Elisha the prophet

2 Kings 5:1-14 (Elisha cures Naaman of leprosy)

A light breakfast will be served each week.

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