

# TREASURE IN JARS OF CLAY



## Elisha

Where the fiery Elijah was a prophet of confrontation, Elisha was a prophet of compassion, and God's message of deliverance. In reading the story of his service to God, we see him in encounter after encounter with people in need. Elijah's main purpose seems to have been to confront evil. Elisha does a bit of that as well, but we see him also ministering to the faithful remnant who are suffering because of God's judgment on the nation of Israel.

We might expect his double portion of Elijah's spirit to be displayed in even more dramatic events than the Mt. Carmel showdown with Baal's prophets. We might assume that his departure from this world would be twice the spectacle of Elijah's whirlwind sendoff. Instead, we see his miracles, while more numerous than those recorded for Elijah, also more mundane, or everyday. Instead of being swept away by a fiery chariot at the end of his life, he simply succumbed to an illness. The story of Elisha almost seems anticlimactic, despite the number of miracles he preformed. Elijah was mentioned in the New Testament far more than was Elisha. Elijah's power was considered to be great enough to even save the crucified Christ. What about Elisha? What did it mean for him to have a double portion of the spirit that was upon Elijah?

Many times I seek evidence of God active and working in my life by looking for the dramatic, or glamorous. Elisha's life says to me that perhaps the portion of God's spirit in my life, and your life, is not always measured as man would measure. What does Galatians 5:22 say is evidence of God's spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you think is meant by John 3:34? \_\_\_\_\_



*"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us."*

*2 Corinthians 4:7*

### READ:

• 1 Kings 19:16-2 Kings 13:20

### CHRONOLOGY:

848-797 BC

## Elisha and Elijah

In what manner did Elijah call Elisha to follow him? (1 Kings 19:19) \_\_\_\_\_

How did Jesus explain the cost of discipleship in Luke 9:61-62? \_\_\_\_\_

How did Elisha demonstrate his full commitment to following Elijah in 1 Kings 19:21? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did Elijah wish for Elisha to not accompany him, first to Bethel, and then on to Jericho and the Jordan? (2 Kings 2) \_\_\_\_\_

How did Elisha respond to Elijah's request? \_\_\_\_\_

How did Elisha respond to the message the prophets gave him as they traveled to the Jordan? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Elijah ask Elisha in 2 Kings 2:9, and what was Elisha's response? \_\_\_\_\_

What spiritual event did Elisha witness that confirmed his request had been granted? \_\_\_\_\_

What are some ways we are endowed with a "spiritual vision" today? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the very first miracle that Elisha performed? (2 Kings 2:14) \_\_\_\_\_

What did the prophets of Jericho observe right away? \_\_\_\_\_

In what ways are we called to disciple others as described in Titus 2:1-5? \_\_\_\_\_





## Miracle Worker

For each reference of Elisha's miracles, fill in what the miracle was and then compare to the miracles of Christ, and of his predecessor, Elijah.

Elisha	reference	Christ	reference	Elijah	reference
1. parting of the Jordan	2 Kings 2:13-14			parting of the Jordan	2 Kings 2:6-8
2.	2 Kings 2:19-22				
3.	2 Kings 4:1-7				1 Kings 17:12-16
4. child raised from the dead	2 Kings 4:18-37	child raised from the dead	Luke 7:11-16	child raised from the dead	1 Kings 17:17-24
5.	2 Kings 4:38-41				
6.	2 Kings 4:42-44		Matt. 15:32-38		
7.	2 Kings 5:1-14		Luke 17:11-19		
8.	2 Kings 5:15-27		Matt. 21:18-22		
9.	2 Kings 6:1-7		Mark 6:45-52		
10.	2 Kings 6:8-23				

## Eyes to See

What was Elisha's servant distressed about in 2 Kings 6:15? \_\_\_\_\_

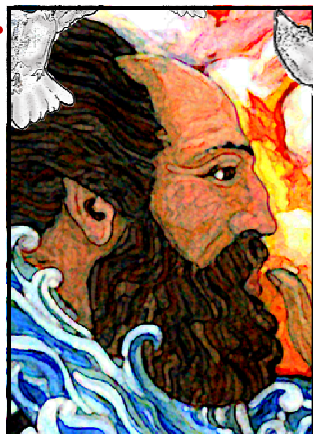
How did Elisha reassure him in verses 16-17? \_\_\_\_\_

If our eyes were opened to the spiritual realities around us, what do you think we would see? \_\_\_\_\_

What perspective are we encouraged to have in 1 John 4:4-6? \_\_\_\_\_



# PUZZLE PAGE



## Clues

### Across

- 1 there was a famine here (6)
- 4 number of loaves with which 100 were fed (6)
- 7 Elijah threw his around him (5)
- 9 he divided this with Elijah's cloak (5)
- 10 king his last prophecy was given to (7)
- 14 name the youth called him (8)
- 15 he did this over what Hazael would do to Israel (4)
- 16 he sent one to Naaman with instructions (9)
- 20 Elijah was instructed to \_\_\_\_\_ him (6)
- 21 mauled forty-two young people (5)
- 24 the Aramean army was \_\_\_\_\_ (7)
- 26 was playing when the hand of the Lord came upon him (7)
- 27 was promised a son (10)

### Down

- 2 he refused this from Naaman (4)
- 3 he went with Elijah here (7)
- 4 number of oxen he plowed with (6)
- 5 their defeat was prophesied (8)
- 6 he saw Elijah taken from here (6)
- 8 the eyes of his were opened (7)
- 10 this king consulted him (11)
- 11 the bad water was \_\_\_\_\_ (6)
- 12 he slaughtered them (4)
- 13 he asked for a double portion of Elijah's (6)
- 17 became leprous (6)
- 18 a dead boy was \_\_\_\_\_ (6)
- 19 a widow's oil was \_\_\_\_\_ (10)
- 22 this floated (6)
- 23 he had him annointed king of Israel (4)
- 25 was healed of leprosy (6)





## Map

Draw a line from Samaria, through Jerusalem, around the south end of the Dead Sea, and to Kir-hareseth in Moab. In **2 Kings 3:1-27**, what two kings took this route to attack Moab? \_\_\_\_\_

What role did Elisha play? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **2 Kings 4:8-38**. Where did the woman who Elisha often stayed with live? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did she go to find Elisha when her son died? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was Elisha's home? \_\_\_\_\_

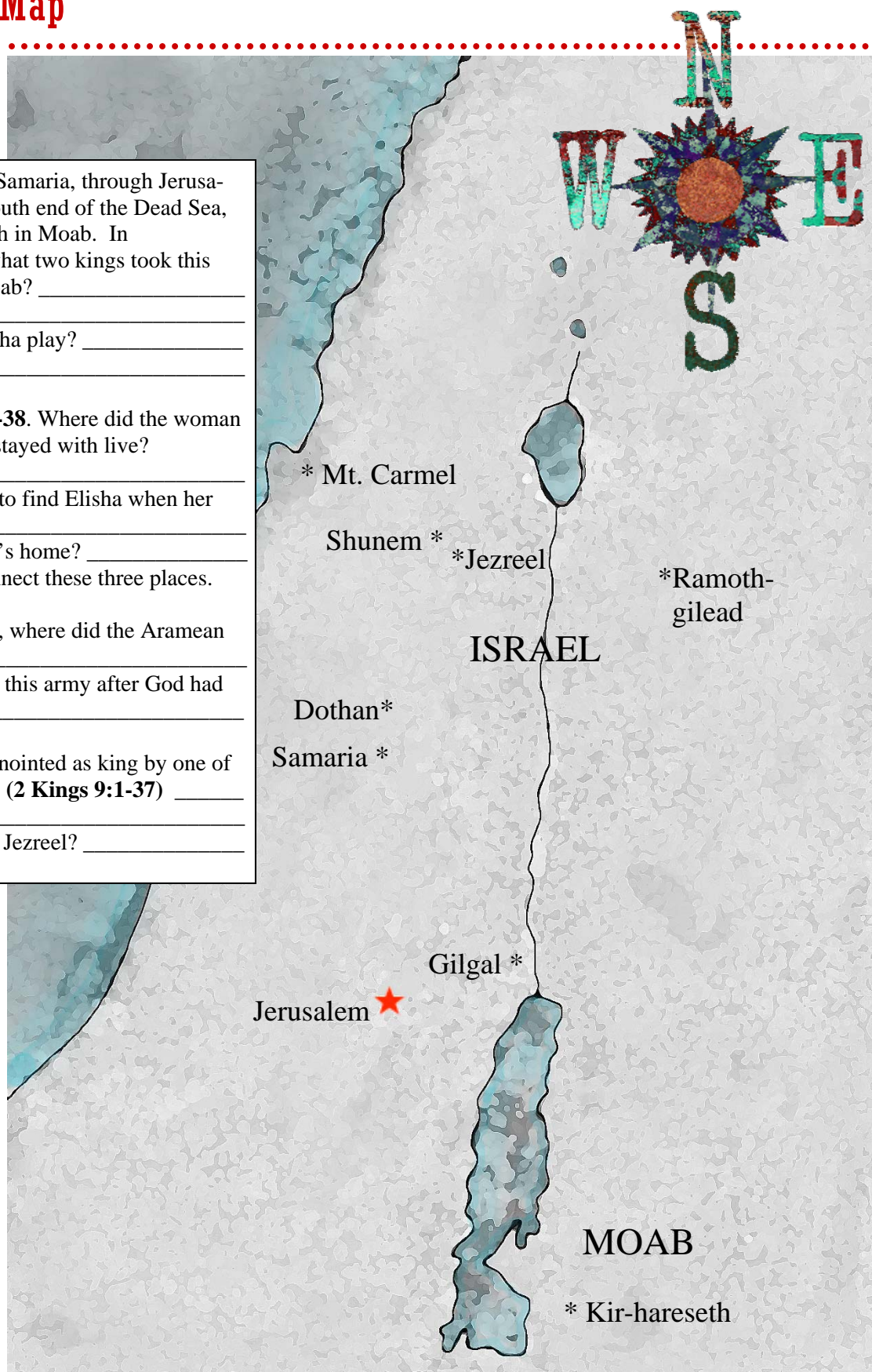
Draw a line to connect these three places. \_\_\_\_\_

In **2 Kings 6:8-23**, where did the Aramean king find Elisha? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did he lead this army after God had blinded them? \_\_\_\_\_

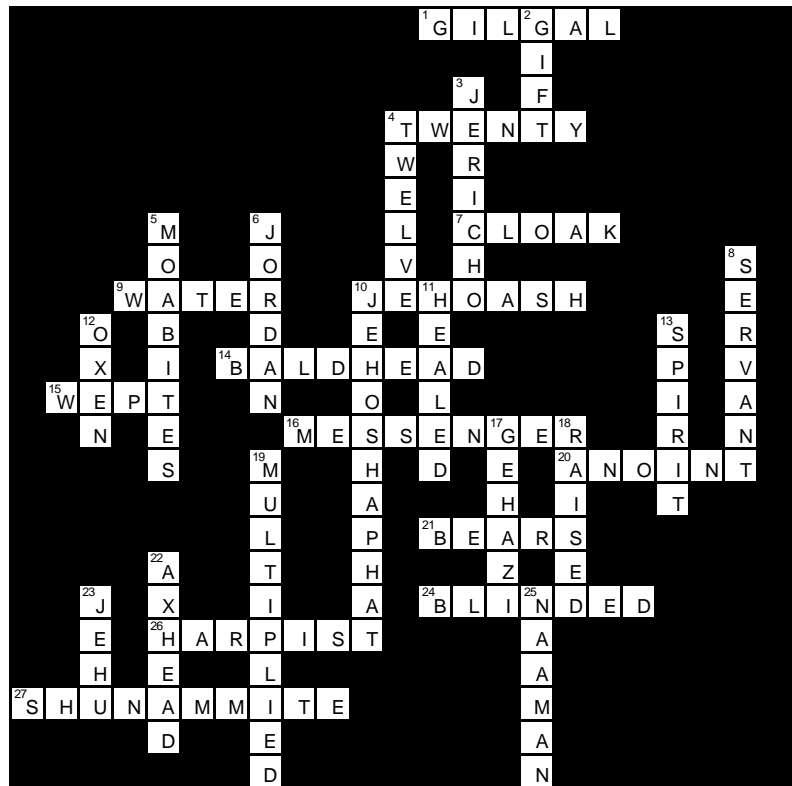
Where was Jehu anointed as king by one of Elisha's prophets? (**2 Kings 9:1-37**) \_\_\_\_\_

Who was killed at Jezreel? \_\_\_\_\_



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Puzzle answers:



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