

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

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Elijah goes to heaven in a chariot of fire! WOW! What a fiery finish to Elijah's earthly ministry, part 1. There is so much to write about this miraculous event. First **where it happened**. The area around Jericho, the lowest city on earth, has been the site of some of the greatest miracles in the Bible. It was across the Jordan river in the "plains of Moab" that the children of Israel camped when Moses gave his farewell address, recorded in our Bibles as the book of Deuteronomy, and went up into the mountains of Moab, looked over the promise land, died and God buried his body. It was in this place that Joshua sent out the spies to Jericho and there they met Rahab the harlot and she saved them from certain death and secured her place among the celebrated women of the Bible. It was near this same place that the children of Israel crossed over Jordan into the land of promise, the land of their inheritance, and the walls of Jericho fell. It was this same place at Beth Arba that Jesus of Nazareth appeared walking toward His cousin John, the immerser (Baptize is a Greek word that mean immerse or dip) and was immersed in the muddy waters of the Jordan. It was the same area where the Lord Jesus was staying and ministering when He got word that his dear

friend, Lazarus, had died and He remained in the area until He climbed the steps and made his journey to Jerusalem just prior to the Passover week and ultimately, to His substitutionary death, burial, resurrection, and ascension.

Next, let's examine **what happened with Elijah**. Elijah was one of two men in the Bible, along with Enoch (ee-knock), who never tasted death (Genesis 5:22). The mode of transport for Enoch was taking a "walk with God." However, Elijah's exodus was much more dramatic. Elijah's departure was known and predicted by the mentees of both Elijah and Elisha. This training academy was known as the "Sons of the prophets," the prophets being Elijah and Elisha. They were men of God in training. God had notified them and so they were privileged to this great miracle. Elisha was the closest in spirit and proximity to Elijah and so his request to his mentor was, **"Let a double portion of your spirit fall on me"** (verse 9).

Prayer and Action Steps

Great God of Elijah, may the same Holy Spirit that dominated Elijah and Elisha dominate, consume, and control us every moment of our lives, and may we be a part of the generation that is taken to heaven without feeling the sting of death! Amen.

Date _____ Scripture _____

- Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.
- Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.
- Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____

