

Sermon Scripture Passage: 2 Kings 2:1-14

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 2 And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. 3 And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

4 Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. 5 The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." 6 Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. 7 Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8 Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." 10 And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." 11 And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. 13 And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. 14 Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

2 Kings 17:22-23 - The people of Israel walked in all the sins that Jeroboam did. They did not depart from them, 23 until the Lord removed Israel out of his sight, as he had spoken by all his servants the prophets. So Israel was exiled from their own land to Assyria until this day.

2 Timothy 4:7-8 – I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Revelations 3:21 – To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.

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Elijah: The Lonely Prophet #10 – 2 Kings 2:1-14 – Chariots of Fire

Julia Ward, an ardent _____, wrote the hymn, *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* at the start of the _____ War, who saw God's Hand at work in bringing justice and freedom.

Elijah spent his life fighting for Israel to stay faithful to the _____ with the Lord God, that they might be a light amidst the surrounding _____. The right parallel from Elijah to our time is not between Israel and the U.S., but between Israel and the _____, that Christians in America might bear a clear witness for Jesus Christ amidst our _____.

2 Kings 17 – Because of their idol worship, Israel was _____ from their own land...

2 Kings 2 Three Signs that Elijah was _____ in what God had called him to do.

One – Elijah successfully builds a _____ of disciples of the Lord

2:1-7 There are groups of prophets at work, Elijah is no longer _____ in the fight.

Acts 8:12 One of the first places the message of Jesus spread to was _____.

Two – Elijah successfully trains and then passes the _____ to a capable successor, Elisha.

2:1-8 Elisha refuses to let Elijah face the end _____.

2:9-10 The double portion means he would be his _____ son, and _____ his work.

2:13-14 Elisha takes up Elijah's _____, and is then able to perform the same works.

Three – Elijah being taken up to heaven demonstrates the _____ that the Lord [Yahweh] is God, and the _____ of the spiritual realm

2:11-12 *This was not typical: Why do you think the Lord took up Elijah this way?*

Genesis 5:24 – It seems that one other person, _____, was also taken up to heaven.

Jesus: Live so that when the end comes you hear the Master say: "Well done good and _____ servant... Come and share your Master's _____." (Matt. 25:23)

Sermon Handout Answers:

Fill in the Blank Answers:

- *Abolitionist*
- *Civil*
- *Covenant*
- *Nations*
- *Church*
- *Nation*
- *Exiled*
- *Successful*
- *Community*
- *Alone*
- *Samaria*
- *Mantle*
- *Alone*
- *Firstborn*
- *Inherit*
- *Mantle/cloak*
- *Truth*
- *Reality*
- *Enoch*
- *Faithful*
- *Happiness*
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