Lesson 6: Elisha and Obadiah
Readings – 1 Kings 19, 2 Kings 1-5 & Obadiah

WHEN?
The history of the divided kingdom has been divided into the time periods of different oppressors. Circle the prophets in this lesson & mark the decades of their activities using the timelines in the reference section/back cover.

WHY?
With Elijah we see his conflict with Ahab and the people while much of Elisha’s effort goes to helping with the conflict against Syria. Elisha is one of the most active prophets with regards to performing wondrous signs confirming him as a spokesman of God and fulfilling his request for a double portion (2 Kgs 2:9). The Shunammite woman gives one of the best descriptions of why Elisha is so active in 2 Kings 4:9. “And she said to her husband, “Behold now, I know that this is a holy man of God who is continually passing our way.”

Event | Find Location?
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Elisha’s Hometown | Israel - 10th Century
Elijah taken up | Syria - 9th Century
Elisha raises boy | Assyria - 8th Century
Chariots of Fire | Babylon - 7th Century
Persian - return 6/5th Century
Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi
OT HISTORY

Prophets and Kings

Prophet

Elijah

2 Kings
What did Elijah ask Elisha to do when he went to Bethel, Jericho & the Jordan River (2:2, 4, 6)?

How did Elijah cross the Jordan River (2:8)?

How was Elijah taken up by the Lord (2:11)?

Who appeared with Jesus during the transfiguration (Mt 17:1-3)?

Elisha

How many oxen was Elisha plowing with and what did he do with them when called by Elijah (1 Kings 19:19-21)?

What did Elisha reply to Elijah’s request for him to stay in Gilgal, Bethel, Jericho, & Jordan River (2 Kgs 2:2, 4, 6)?

Who told Elisha that Elijah was being taken away (2 Kgs 2:3, 5)?

What did Elisha request of Elijah (2:9)?

How did Elisha cross the Jordan river after Elijah was taken (2:14)?

Prophet

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Elisha told Joram to seek help from whom (3:13)?

Why did Elisha bother to help (3:14)?

While listening to a harp what message was delivered to Elisha (3:15-16, 18-19)?

What color was the water & what did the Moabites think happened (3:22-23)?

King

Jehoram

King of Israel

2 Kings
How is Joram’s kingship described (3:2-3)?

Who rebelled against Joram (3:4-5)?

Who did Joram get to help fight the rebellion (3:6, 7, 9, 12)?

What problem arose as the 3 armies marched (3:9-10)?

Did the army of Israel fulfill Elisha’s prophecy (3:24-25)?

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King

Mesha

King of Moab

2 Kings
How willing was Jehoshaphat willing to help Joram (3:7)?

Who did Jehoshaphat seek to help with the problem (3:11)?

2 Kings
King of Moab tried to do what with 700 men (3:26)?

When that failed what did he do with his son (3:27)?

Have you promised to help a worldly person that then ended up getting you in trouble?
2 Kings Decisive signs of Elisha

What problem did Jericho have with water (2:19)?

What did Elisha do to heal the water (2:20-22)?

What did the youth call Elisha as he went to Bethel (2:23)?

What judgment did he pronounce on them (2:24)?

2 Kings Elisha’s Compassion

What kind of help did the widow need (4:1)?

How did Elisha help the widow (4:2-7)?

How did the Shunammite woman help (4:8, 10)?

How did Elisha repay her kindness (4:14-17)?

What happened to her son (4:18-20)?

What question did she ask Elisha (4:27-28)?

What was Elisha able to do to raise her son (4:33-35)?

What was Elisha able to do with the pot of death (4:40-41)?

How many did Elisha feed with 20 loaves of bread (4:43-44)?

What was the problem with the sons of the prophets (5:1)?

What happened to the borrowed iron ax head (5:5)?

What did Elisha do to help (5:6-7)?

2 Kings Elisha & Naaman’s Leprosy 2 Kings 5

Who was Naaman (5:1)?

Who suggested he go to the prophet in Samaria (5:3)?

How did the king of Israel (Jehoram) respond to the letter from the king of Syria (5:7)?

How did Naaman come to Elisha’s house (5:9)?

What did Elisha have instructed to Naaman in order for him to be healed (5:10)?

How did Naaman react (5:11-12)?

How did Naaman’s servants respond (5:13-14)?

What happened when Naaman washed 7 times in the Jordan River (5:14)?

How did Naaman then respond to Elisha (5:15)?

What did Naaman request (5:17-18)?

The king of Syria had Naaman bring how much treasures to Israel (5:5)?

How many gifts did Elisha take (5:15-16)?

What did Gehazi, servant of Elisha think of Elisha’s refusal to take any gifts (5:20)?

What request did Gehazi make of Naaman (5:22)?

What did Naaman offer Gehazi (5:23)?

How did Elisha respond to Gehazi’s actions and lies (5:26-27)?

Have you ever had to replace something you borrowed and lost?

What has your parents told you to do but you thought was dumb to do?
B. Obadiah
The shortest of the Minor Prophets this book is difficult to date because of the limited size. The book deals with Judgment against Edom for taking advantage of Jerusalem after it had been invaded. There are four possible invasions and most date the book to either the second or the last.

1. Shishak, king of Egypt (925 BC) – 1 Kings 14:25-26/2 Chronicles 12
2. Philistines and Arabians during the reign of Jehoram (850-840 BC) – 2 Chronicles 21:8-10, 21:16-17
3. Jehoash, king of Israel (c 790 BC) - 2 Kings 14, 2 Chronicles 25
4. Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon (586 BC) – 2 Kings 24-25

Key Verses
Obadiah 1:15 (ESV)
15 For the day of the LORD is near upon all the nations. As you have done, it shall be done to you; your deeds shall return on your own head.

Obadiah 1:18 (ESV)
18 The house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau stubble; they shall burn them and consume them, and there shall be no survivor for the house of Esau, for the LORD has spoken.

Outline - Obadiah
I. First Judgment to Edom (vv. 1–4)
II. Second Judgment to Edom (vv. 5–7)
III. Judgment, Accusation & Warning due Edom’s actions (vv. 8–15)
IV. Promise of Restoration & Victory to Israel (vv. 16–18)
V. Promise of Restoration & Yahweh’s Kingship (vv. 19–21)

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What is the prophecy range?
(may need to look up history of Edom)
Judgment on Edom > 1-15
Restoration > 19-21

List Your Favorite Verse/s

Edomites invaded Judah after Judah was being ransacked - prophesies Edom’s downfall