

# **Elijah and Elisha**

## ***Introduction***

Voices crying in the wilderness. Lone voices crying out against the kings and people who were living in wickedness and idolatry. Elijah, a rugged man who spent much time in caves and the wilderness, faced King Ahab and condemned his sins. He battled with the 450 prophets of Baal and won. He proclaimed a drought and after three years brought rain again on the earth. A powerful man indeed, and a suitable forerunner for John the Baptist. Elisha, the protégé of Elijah, had a different style, but did the same work. He dwelt among the people, but still condemned the sins of the kings, and brought judgment upon them. He performed many more miracles than Elijah, and many of his miracles were ones of healing, feeding, and restoring to life. Elisha and Elijah, two different men, but united in purpose: to proclaim Jehovah as the one true God, to show God's hatred for sin, to move God's people to repentance, and to prove God's love and care for the simple people.

### **Lesson Format:**

1. **Text / Questions** – Each lesson will have a section of Scripture to read. This is the minimum work expected of you – at least read the text. Each lesson will have a variety of questions, mostly coming directly from the assigned reading. Some questions will require deeper thought and application.
2. **Map Work** – The majority of the lessons have a box labeled “Map Work”. Please use the map provided at the back of the lesson book. Most of the locations will be on this map, but other locations mentioned will require you to do some searching in other reference books. Knowing the geography of the region proves beneficial in understanding the text.
3. **Do Some Digging** – In the boxes labeled “Do Some Digging” are questions that will cause you to hit the books to find some answers. After you have finished the reading, questions, and map work, and are wanting to study even more, then try to answer these questions. Some are easier, while others will require some research. Get ready to dig!

We certainly hope that you will find this booklet beneficial as you study Elijah and Elisha. The lessons you will learn from these two men will be nothing less than life changing. Valuable lessons like commitment, faith, sin's consequences, friendship, and standing for truth are all to be gleaned from this study. Enjoy!