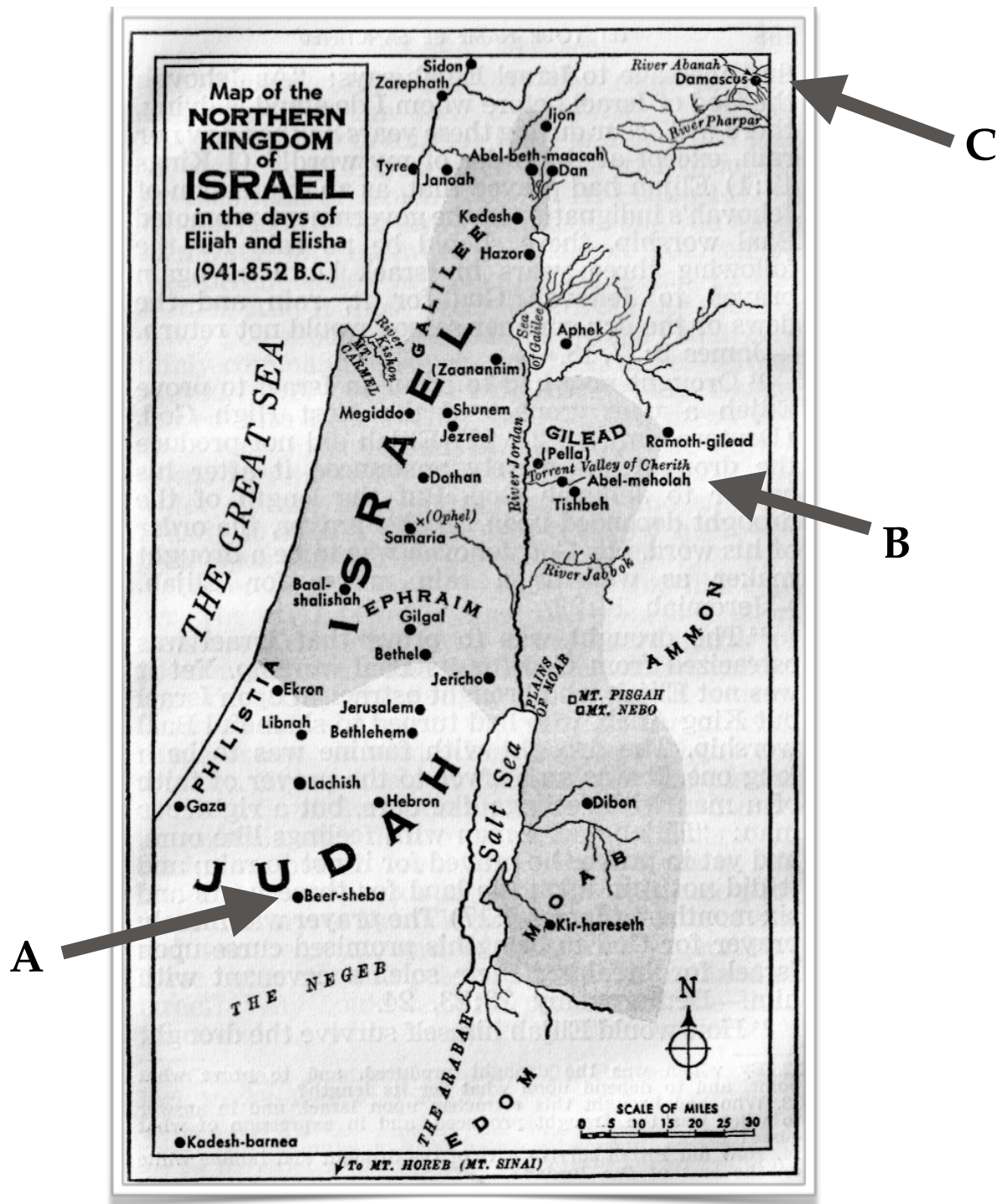

The call of Elisha

Week 5 - 1 Kings 19:13-21

Mid-week Bible Study





A - Beer-Sheba

B - Abel-meholah

C - Wilderness of Damascus

What does Elijah mean?

Elijah (/ ɪˈlaɪdʒə /; ih-LY-jə; Hebrew: אֵלִיָּהוּ, Eliyahu, **meaning** "My God is Yahweh/YHWH") or latinized form Elias (/ ɪˈlaɪəs / ih-LY-əs)

What does Elisha mean?

From the **Hebrew** name אֵלִישָׁע ('Elisha'), a contracted form of אֵלִישׁוּעַ ('Elishu'a) **meaning** "my God is salvation".

Passage, part 1: 1 Kings 19:13-18**2 Kings 8:12**

"I know the harm you will do to the Israelites," he answered. "You will set fire to their fortified places, kill their young men with the sword, dash their little children to the ground, and rip open their pregnant women."

Matthew 21:8

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

Passage, part 2: 1 Kings 19:14-21

What are some of the other call narratives in the Old Testament?

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2 Kings 3:11

But Jehoshaphat asked, "Is there no prophet of the LORD here, through whom we may inquire of the LORD?" An officer of the king of Israel answered, "Elisha son of Shaphat is here. He used to pour water on the hands of Elijah."

Luke 5:11, 28

So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

...and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.

Some questions to consider in groups

- How do we recognise God's call in our lives?
- What signs of our talents and gifts have we seen in the past?
- How did Elisha make a dramatic break with his past before he followed Elijah?

What would be difficult about making a sudden break with your present life-style if God were to ask you to do it?

- What must we give up to embrace the future God is making for us?
- How have we seen God's work manifested in mentors, friends, or strangers?
- Have we apprenticed ourselves to scarcity and fear or to abundance and hope?
- What habit could you cultivate to make you more ready to respond to God's call at a moment's notice?