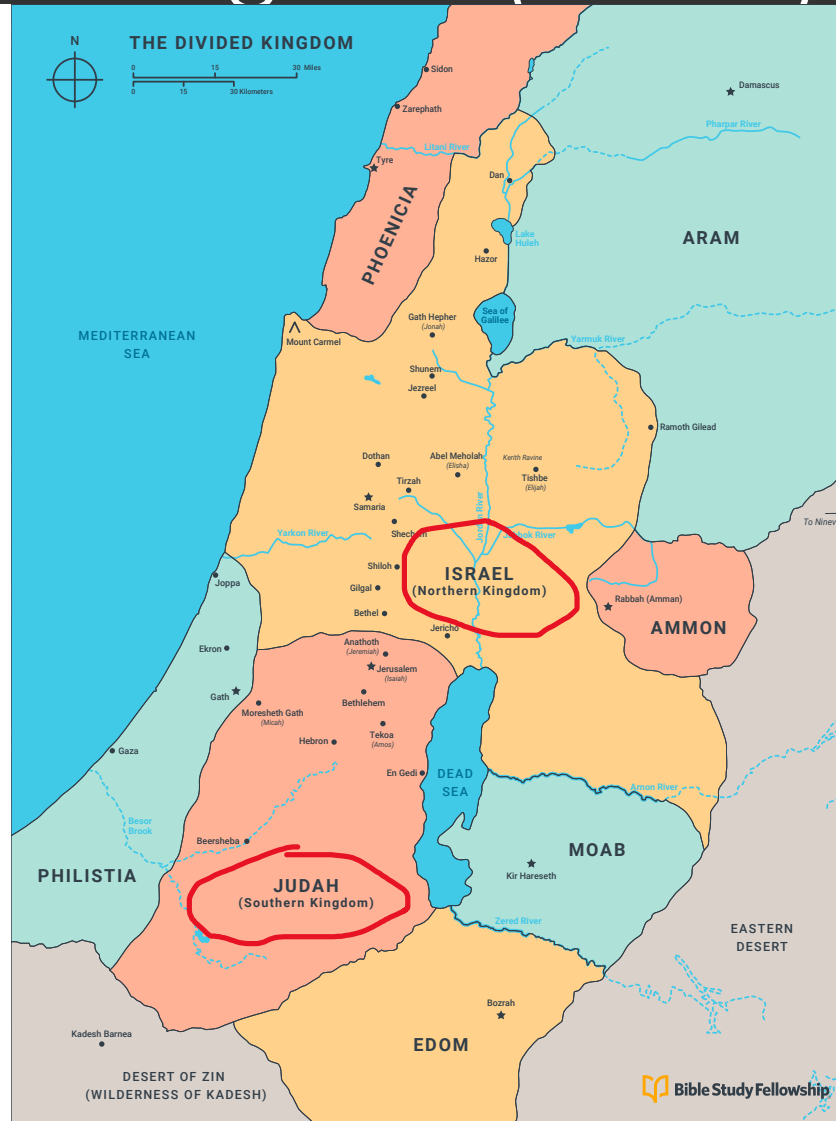


Our Gracious heavenly Father

1 Kings 19-20

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Northern Kingdom (Israel) and Southern Kingdom (Judah)



Six godless kings of the Northern Kingdom

King	Reign	Description	Events/ Action
Nadab	2 years	Did evil in the Lord's eyes, following ways of his father	Assassinated by Baasha
Baasha	24 years	Did evil in the Lord's eyes, following Jeroboam's ways	Killed Jeroboam's entire family
Elah	2 years	Struck down whilst getting drunk	Assassinated by Zimri
Zimri	7 days	Doing evil in the Lord's eyes, following Jeroboam's ways	Killed Baasha's whole family
Omri	12 years	Did evil in the Lord's eyes, sinned more than all those before him, completely the ways of Jeroboam	
Ahab	22 years	Did more evil in the Lord's eyes than any of those before him.	

Divisions

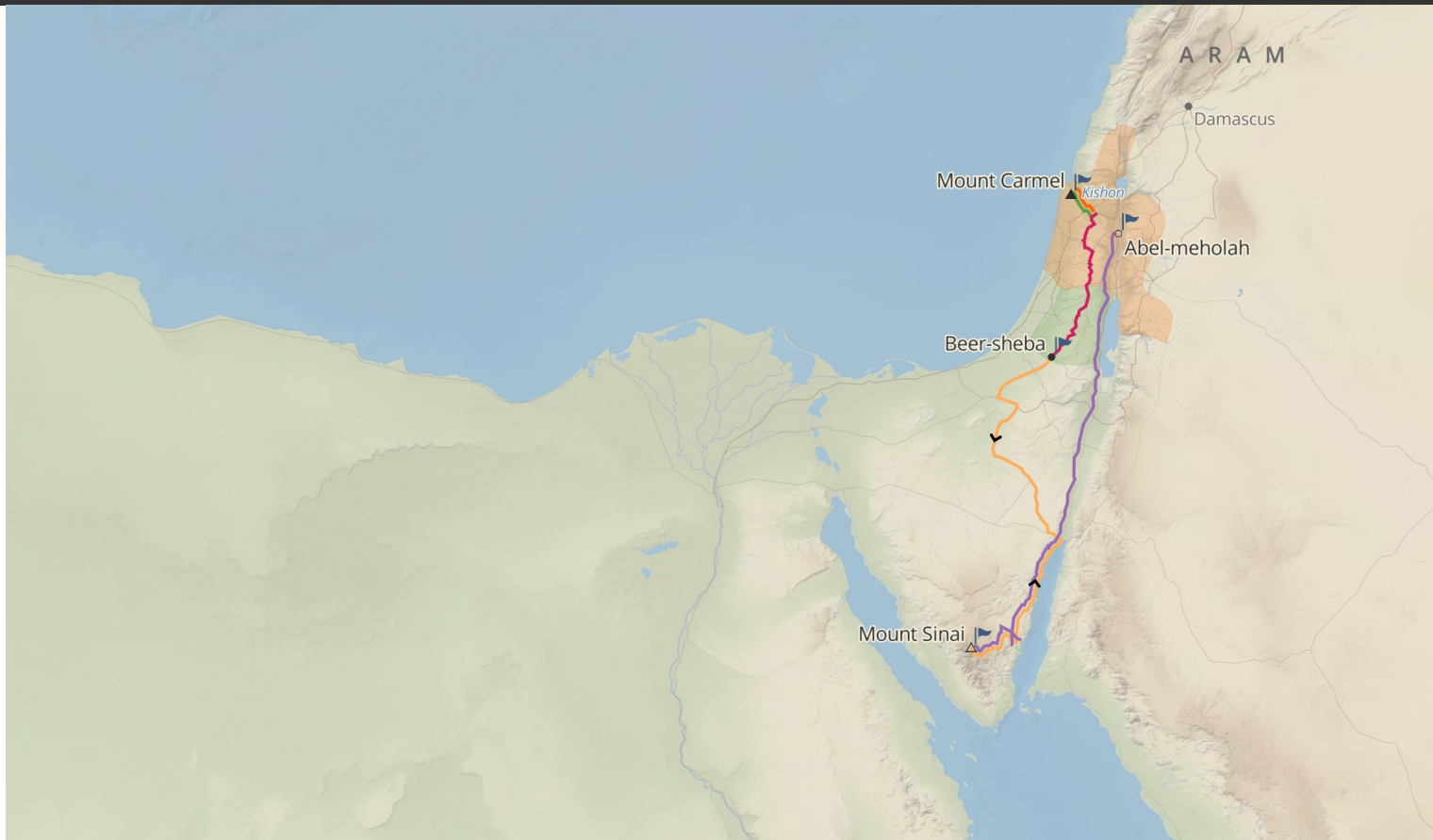
1. Elijah's depression and cure (1 Kings 19)
2. Ahab's victories in 2 wars over Aram (1 Kings 20)

1 King 19

1Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 2So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.”

3**Elijah was afraid** ^a and **ran for his life**. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, 4while he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, Lord,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.” 5Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

Elijah's fleeing and recovery



1 Kings 19

All at once an angel **touched him** and said, “Get up and **eat.**” 6He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

7The angel of the Lord came back **a second time** and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.” 8So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached **Horeb**, the mountain of God.

1 Kings 19

And the word of the Lord came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?” **10**He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

11The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Then **a great and powerful wind** tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was **an earthquake**, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. **12**After the earthquake came **a fire**, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came **a gentle whisper**. **13**When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

1 Kings 19

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

14He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

15The Lord said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. **16**Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. **17**Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. **18**Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.

Principle 1

- ▣ **God graciously cares and restores for those who serve Him.**

- ▣ **Application:**
 - ▣ Have you cried out to the Lord recently?
 - ▣ Are you under stress now from your work/ service to the Lord? How can you rest in God's care?

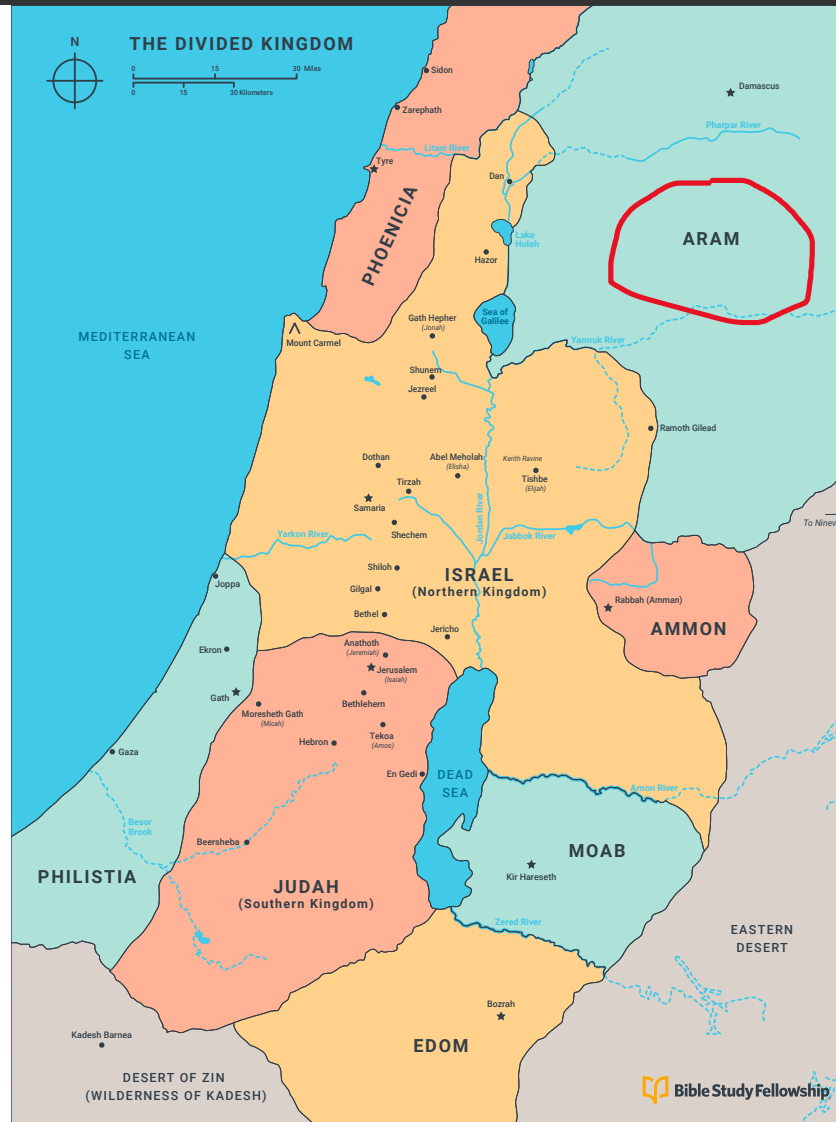
Div 2 – Ahab’s victories in 2 wars over Aram (1 Kings 20)

1Now Ben-Hadad king of Aram mustered his entire army. Accompanied by thirty-two kings with their horses and chariots, he went up and besieged Samaria and attacked it. 2He sent messengers into the city to Ahab king of Israel, saying, “This is what Ben-Hadad says: 3‘Your silver and gold are mine, and the best of your wives and children are mine.’ ”

4The king of Israel answered, “Just as you say, my lord the king. I and all I have are yours.”

5The messengers came again and said, “This is what Ben-Hadad says: ‘I sent to demand your silver and gold, your wives and your children. 6But about this time tomorrow I am going to send my officials to search your palace and the houses of your officials. They will seize everything you value and carry it away.’ ”

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1 Kings 20

13Meanwhile a prophet came to Ahab king of Israel and announced, “This is what the Lord says: ‘Do you see this vast army? I will give it into your hand today, and **then you will know that I am the Lord.**’ ”

14“But who will do this?” asked Ahab.

The prophet replied, “This is what the Lord says: ‘The junior officers under the provincial commanders will do it.’ ”

22Afterward, the prophet came to the king of Israel and said, “Strengthen your position and see what must be done, because next spring the king of Aram will attack you again.”

1 King 20

26 **The next spring** Ben-Hadad mustered the Arameans and went up to Aphek to fight against Israel. **27** When the Israelites were also mustered and given provisions, they marched out to meet them. The Israelites camped opposite them like **two small flocks of goats**, while the Arameans **covered the countryside**.

28 The man of God came up and told the king of Israel, “This is what the Lord says: ‘Because the Arameans think the Lord is a god of the hills and not a god of the valleys, I will deliver this vast army into your hands, and **you will know that I am the Lord.**’ ”

Principle 2

- **God graciously reach out to those who are undeserving.**

- **Application:**
 - Are there any "undeserving" people in your life who needs the gospel?

Lesson

- ▣ Our **gracious** heavenly Father.
- ▣ Gracious to those He loves, and to those who do not know Him.