

2 Kings 2, 6

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

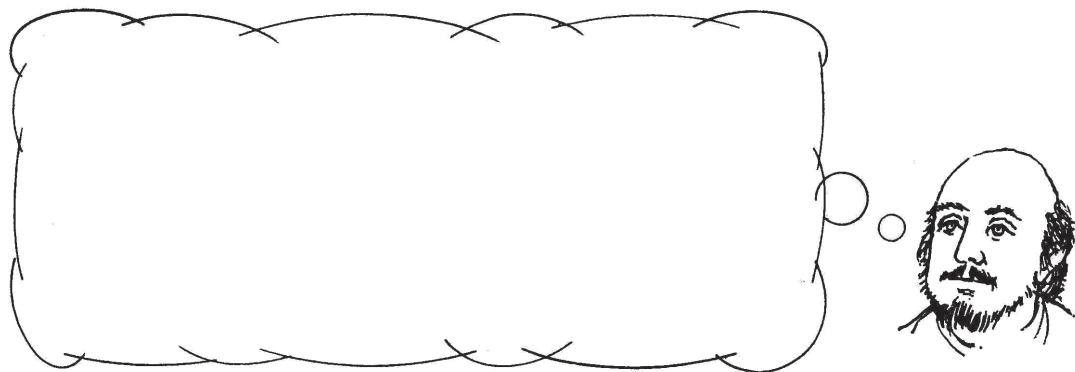
Psalm 34:7

Readings this week:

S	2 Kings 2:1-18
M	2 Kings 6:8-23
T	Psalm 34
W	Psalm 119:145-152
Th	Isaiah 31:1-5
F	Romans 8:31-39
S	John 15:9-17

Elisha took over the role of prophet from Elijah. Today we are going to look at what happened and think about how Elisha reacted.

What might Elisha have thought about the job he was about to take on?

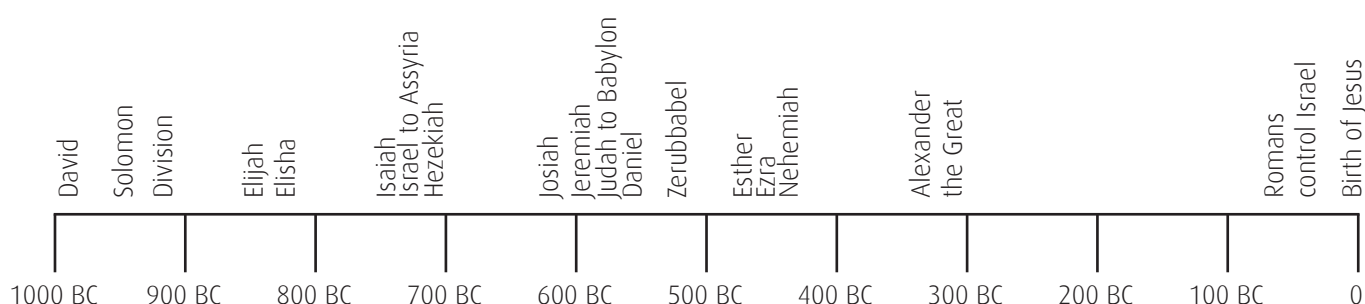


Who else was comforted by the evidence God gave them that he was near and ready to help them?

How many people can you think of?

Many of these people used verses from the Bible to remind them of God's presence. You could choose one to learn yourself so that you are prepared.

Look at 2 Kings 2. What help did Elisha receive as he took over as God's prophet? You should be able to make notes for each of the pictures.



Does the idea of being God's servant seem hard for you to handle?

Remember that God is in charge of preparing you for what he asks you to do.

Chariots and horses represent God's power and presence.

Look at these other passages which use a similar symbol:
Zechariah 6:1 and
1 Chronicles 28:18.

What lesson did Elisha learn from this, which he later teaches his servant? 2 Kings 6:15-17. What does this mean to us today?
See Psalm 34 v 7.



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Can you think of other people who were not aware of God's presence?
These verses might help.

Genesis 28:10-16

Numbers 22:26-31

1 Samuel 3:4-7

On the other hand, here is someone who was very aware that God was near him all the time.

Psalm 139:7-10

Who are you more like?

Digging Deeper

What happened to Elijah?

We have already seen that he later wrote a letter to Jehoram, King of Judah, so it seems he didn't die for several years.

Who else seems to have gone to heaven? Look at Genesis 5:24 and Hebrews 11:5

How do you know he and Elijah didn't? Genesis 3:19, Psalm 89:48, Ezekiel 18:4.

Of course, Jesus did go to heaven, but not when he died.

If you did the 'Digging Deeper' in lesson 42 you could think about how John the Baptist prepared the way for someone greater. How was this similar to Elijah?

Pray
that you
may be aware of
God's presence
around you.