

Next Steps: The history of Israel... the story of God's people... does not always run in a convenient and straight line. We are first introduced to Abram in Genesis 11:26-32. Then we read about God speaking to Abram in Genesis 12:1-9.

What does God ask Abram to do? What is God's promise to Abram? How does Abram respond?

Read Joshua 24. Joshua renews God's Covenant with the Israelites. How did the people respond to Joshua's message (Joshua 24:14-21)?

Read Judges 2:6-23. Why was God angry with Israel? Why did God allow "the raiders to plunder them?"

Read 1 Samuel 7:15 – 8:22. God provided a series of "judges" to help lead the people back to Him... and finally after Samuel was old, the Israelites asked for a king to lead them. Why was this a bad idea?

Three kings later (Saul, David, Solomon) the nation has split into 2 separate kingdoms (Israel to the north and Judah to the south). Israel had a succession of really bad kings... leading to the infamous Ahab. Read 1 Kings 16:29-34. How bad was Ahab?

Read 1 Kings 17:1. God raised up the Prophet Elijah to confront Ahab's wickedness.

Where did Elijah place his assurance?

Whom did Elijah serve?

What was Elijah called to do?

What about you? Where do you place your assurance? (Jeremiah 17:5-8)

Whom do you serve? (Joshua 24:15)

Will you speak God's truth? (Ephesians 4:15)

Next Week: As we continue in our series learning from the life of the Prophet Elijah, we begin to see that following God can be extremely challenging. Take a look at 1 Kings 17 to see where God led Elijah after his proclamation to the King of Israel.