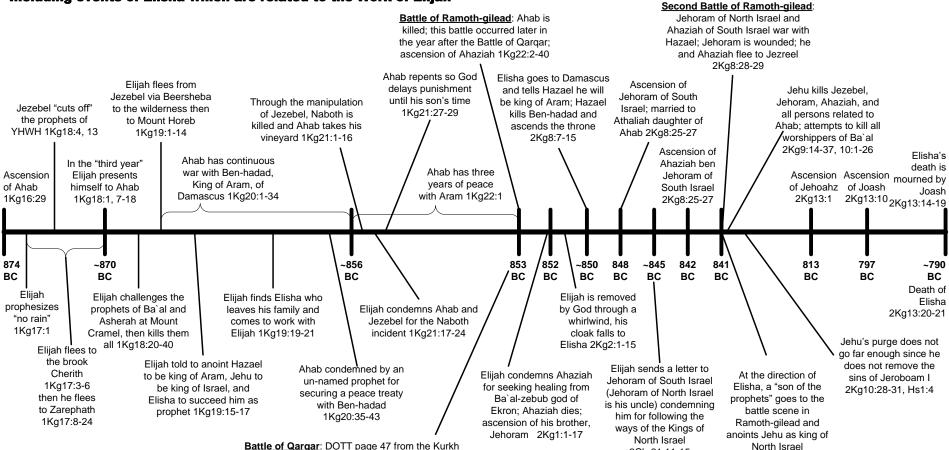
Life and Times of Elijah

Including events of Elisha which are related to the Work of Elijah

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Nothing is known of Elijah's early life. He is simply introduced as: "Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead" 1Kg17:1 Tishbe is likely located in the tribal territory of East Manasseh.

Battle of Qarqar: DOTT page 47 from the Kurkh Stele of Shalmaneser III: "I ... drew near to Qarqar ... destroyed and burned down Qarqar ... 1200 chariots, 1200 cavalry horses 20,000 men belonging to [Ben-hadad] of Damascus ... 200 chariots and 10,000 men of Ahab the Israelite ... from Qarqar to Gilzau I defeated them ..." The comment on page 49 continues: "This implies only a partial victory, for the withdrawal to Gilzau on the Orontes probably allowed the allies to reform their ranks ... Shalmaneser ... failed to follow up his success during the next two years ... "

Thomas, D.W., editor, <u>Documents from Old Testament</u> Times, (DOTT) Harper & Row, New York, 1958 Relationship of Elijah and Elisha: Elijah was likely NOT a young man when God thrust him into the battle against Jezebel and Ahab about 874BC. By the time God removed him from active duty in about 850BC he was likely approaching old age. This is why Elisha was recruited. At about 860BC when Elisha began to work with Elijah, Elisha must have been a very young man since he continued to work until around 790BC - a seventy year career. Elisha worked as an understudy to Elijah for about ten years - during which time he was well trained. Elisha completed Elijah's commission to bring about dynastic change in Aram (Hazael) and North Israel (Jehu). Then he went about his own work which was to reform the schools of the prophets which had been initiated by Samuel and had been attacked and corrupted by Jezebel and Ahab. When Elisha died, it is clear that he had had an ambivalent relationship with King Joash of North Israel who mourned his death.

2Kq9:1-13

2Chr21:11-15