

BIBLE READING: August 24, 2025

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Elijah Ascends to Heaven

2 Now when the Lord was about to take Eli'jah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Eli'jah and Eli'sha were on their way from Gilgal. ² And Eli'jah said to Eli'sha, "Tarry here, I pray you; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Eli'sha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

⁶ Then Eli'jah said to him, "Tarry here, I pray you; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Eli'jah took his mantle, and rolled it up, and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Eli'jah said to Eli'sha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Eli'sha said, "I pray you, let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰ And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." ¹¹ And as they still went on and talked, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Eli'jah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² And Eli'sha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Elisha Succeeds Elijah

Then he took hold of his own clothes and rent them in two pieces. ¹³ And he took up the mantle of Eli'jah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ Then he took the mantle of Eli'jah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Eli'jah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other; and Eli'sha went over.

Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20

77 I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me.

² In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.

¹¹ I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; yea, I will remember thy wonders of old.

¹² I will meditate on all thy work, and muse on thy mighty deeds.

¹³ Thy way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?

¹⁴ Thou art the God who workest wonders, who hast manifested thy might among the peoples.

¹⁵ Thou didst with thy arm redeem thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

¹⁶ When the waters saw thee, O God, when the waters saw thee, they were afraid, yea, the deep trembled.

¹⁷ The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth thunder; Thy arrows flashed on every side.

¹⁸ The crash of thy thunder was in the whirlwind; thy lightnings lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

¹⁹ Thy way was through the sea, thy path through the great waters; yet thy footprints were unseen.

²⁰ Thou didst lead thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.