

The Elisha Anointing

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A prophetic message using typology

2 Kings 2:1-15

There are 4 stages that God takes us through to prepare us for mature ministry in the spiritual conflict (the 4 stages are listed below). By God's grace and power, we need to be brought to a place of maturity in the truth, both in knowledge and experience, as we continue to grow into the measure of the stature of the complement of Christ - Ephesians 4:11-14 and Colossians 2:1-15.

Christ goes before us as our Head and Pattern to follow. At each of the 4 stages we are given the opportunity to move on to the next stage or remain 'wandering around the wilderness'. In the same way that Jesus and Paul trained their disciples, we are to be trained by Christ's spirit and also other mature believers, until the time comes when we are released into the anointing for ourselves. Then the cycle continues as we commit the truth to others and help them to mature in it - 2 Timothy 1:12, 14 and 2:1-3 (CV).

Elijah - "Strength of Yahweh"

Type: Christ Jesus our Strength and also other mature believers

Elisha - "God of Freedom"

Type: The Spirit-led believer

Gilgal - "Rolling" ([The First Stage](#))

Type: Circumcision of the flesh (Joshua 5:1-9 and Colossians 2:11)

Bethel - "House of God" ([The Second Stage](#))

Type: The place of increasing fellowship with God and hearing the voice of His Spirit

Jericho - "Fragrance or Spirit" ([The Third Stage](#))

Type: Specific training in spiritual warfare, learning obedience (Joshua 5:13-15 and Hebrews 5:7-8)

Jordan - "To descend" ([The Fourth Stage](#))

Type: The official commission and anointing for ministry, under Christ's authority, who alone opens the door (John 1:32-34 and Revelation 3:7)

The 50 Prophets

Type: Releasing of the Word of God

See also: *Typology*, *The Gideon Commission*, and *The Gideon Remnant*