

1 Kings 19:19-21 **Elisha chosen as successor for Elijah**

Elisha Follows Elijah [1 Kings 19:19-21]

19 So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him. 20 And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you."

And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?"

21 So Elisha turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and boiled their flesh, using the oxen's equipment, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ God had chosen Elisha son of Shaphat as successor for Elijah while Elijah was hiding in the cave at Mount Horeb in Midian of Arabia. [1 Kings 19:16]
- ✧ Elisha was from Abel Meholah (meadow of dancing) in the hill country of Gilead of Israel east of the Jordan River.
- ✧ Elisha was in the field plowing behind the twelfth yoke of oxen, as he passed by, Elijah threw his mantle on Elisha.
- ✧ The twelve yoke of oxen indicate that Elisha was a wealthy man.
- ✧ Elisha asked to kiss his parents goodbye.
- ✧ Elijah said, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?"
- ✧ Apparently Elijah waited while Elisha slaughtered a yoke of oxen, boiled their flesh using the oxen's equipment, fed it to the people, and arose to follow Elijah.
- ✧ Elisha apparently found leaving his wealth was not a hindrance to becoming involved in the work of a prophet as a servant to Elijah who was a well proven man of God.
- ✧ Elisha became servant to Elijah.