

1 Kings 17-21 - Elijah

Even though the kings of northern Israel were not faithful to Yahweh, nevertheless Yahweh remained faithful to his people. He kept sending prophets who opposed the wicked rulers and who ministered to the people. Two of the most famous early prophets were Elijah and his successor Elisha.

1. According to **1 Kings 16:29-33**, who were Ahab and Jezebel, and what did their god Baal control?

2. Elijah's encounter with Ahab and Jezebel took several twists and turns.

Read **1 Kings 17:1-24** and number these in order, 1-12.

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| _____ Elijah asks a widow for some bread | _____ a widow's son dies |
| _____ ravens bring him bread and meat | _____ she bakes a little bread |
| _____ he prays for a widow's son | _____ her jars of meal & oil stay full |
| _____ he asks a widow for a drink | _____ she says Elijah killed her son |
| _____ he drinks at the Wadi Cherith | _____ her son lives |
| _____ he predicts a three-year drought | _____ Elijah goes to Zarephath |

3. Read **1 Kings 18:1-46** and number these in order, 13-34.

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| _____ Elijah mocks Baal's prophets | _____ Ahab meets Elijah |
| _____ he prays to the Lord | _____ Ahab tells Obadiah to find water |
| _____ he tells Ahab to eat and drink | _____ Baal's prophets put a bull on an altar |
| _____ he meets Obadiah | _____ Baal's prophets cut themselves |
| _____ his servant looks for a cloud | _____ they pray from morning to noon |
| _____ he goes to Samara | _____ heavy rains come on the land |
| _____ he beats Ahab to Jezreel | _____ The people say, "The Lord is God!" |
| _____ he tells the people to decide | _____ the Lord's fire burns up the offering |
| _____ he pours water on his altar | _____ Obadiah thinks Ahab will kill him |
| _____ he kills Baal's prophets | |
| _____ he builds an altar of twelve stones | |
| _____ he challenges Baal's prophets to Mt. Carmel | |

4. Read **1 Kings 19-21** and number these in order, 35-50.

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| _____ | Elijah falls asleep under a tree | _____ | the Lord is not in an earthquake |
| _____ | he recruits Elisha | _____ | the Lord says 7,000 are still loyal |
| _____ | he flees to the wilderness | _____ | the Lord is not in a fire |
| _____ | he wishes he were dead | _____ | the Lord sends Elijah back to work |
| _____ | he travels to Mt. Horeb | _____ | Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah |
| _____ | he prepares beef stew | _____ | the Lord is not in a hurricane |
| _____ | the Lord asks what he is
doing here | _____ | an angel tells Elijah to eat and drink |
| _____ | _____ | Elijah whines, "I've been zealous for you,
but the people have forsaken you, and I'm the only one left." | |

5. Now just one more story. Read **1 Kings 21:1-29**. What did King Ahab want?

6. Why wouldn't Naboth sell it to him?

7. How did Queen Jezebel "fix" the problem?

8. What was Elijah's verdict?

9. Why did the Lord relent?

10. By the way, what happened to King Ahab? (See **1 Kings 22:34-35**.)

11. And to Queen Jezebel? (See **2 Kings 9:30-37**.)