

Lesson on Elijah

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The kings of Israel who followed Jeroboam were all evil. God sent prophets to warn them of punishment if they did not obey Him. Elijah was a prophet sent from God to warn king Ahab and the people to stop their wicked way of living.

In spite of Elijah's warning, Ahab continued to worship Baal, and to do all kinds of evil. Two of Ahab's sons ruled after him, and both continued in their father's wicked ways. Another great prophet Elisha, followed Elijah. He too gave God's message to the kings and the people.

The next kings also allowed the people of Israel to worship the golden calves. During these years more prophets were sent from the Lord with messages: Jonah, Amos, and Hosea warned the kingdom of Israel, but the people thought they would not be punished no matter what they did.

Here are the names of some of the wicked kings who ruled the northern kingdom of Israel, and the prophets God sent to warn them:

Ahab	Elijah
Joram	Elisha
Jeroboam II	Jonah
Zecharias	Amos
Shallum	Hosea

Finally, after about two hundred years, the punishment came. God allowed the king of Assyria to capture Samaria, the capital of Israel, and carry the people of Israel away as captives.

Of all nineteen kings who ruled Israel, not one was faithful to the true God. There were still some good people in Israel, however, even though they were greatly outnumbered. They followed the true God in spite of their wicked leaders.

Story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal

Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire." So they took the bull given them and prepared it. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. "O Baal, answer us!" they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made.

At noon Elijah began to taunt them. "Shout louder!" he said. "Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened." So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention.

Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come here to me." They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which was in ruins. Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, "Your name shall be Israel." With the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, "Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood."

"Do it again," he said, and they did it again.

"Do it a third time," he ordered, and they did it the third time. The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench.

Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The LORD -he is God! The LORD -he is God!"