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Introduction.

A very warm welcome to this amazing three-part series about one of the greatest prophets in the Old Testament, and someone of whom Jesus and others spoke of as of great importance.

My family and I have been going through many 'stories' in the Old and New Testament in the last year! These chapters have been so feeding, faith building and full of warnings, lessons and encouragement. Praise the Lord.

I'd like to share lessons from part of the life of Elijah the great prophet of God.

I am sure some of these points of his life will be life changing for all of us. I am praying you will prayerfully read them and see how they can motivate and change your life, Praise the Lord.

I am going to comment after several sections of text as we go along *in italics*.

Who the main characters are.

Let's get some background first:

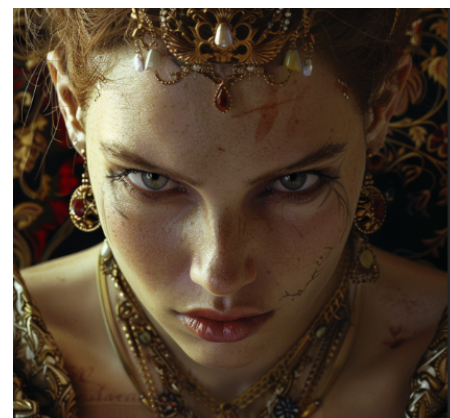
Elijah, a significant figure in the Old Testament, lived during the 9th century BC, specifically during the reign of King Ahab in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. He is known for his prophetic ministry and miracles, particularly for his role in confronting the cult of Baal and promoting the worship of Yahweh. Elijah's ministry is recorded in the Books of Kings in the Bible.

At this time the land of Israel was divided into its three main provinces or the two kingdoms of Judah (Southern Kingdom) and that of Israel. Elijah mainly operated in Israel (the Northern Kingdom).

The kings (historically, for several hundred years) of both these kingdoms were primarily wicked kings with very few exceptions. As the nation of the original (whole Kingdom) Israel had been founded on the Covenant of Yahweh (today we call Jesus Christ) (links below) with His people; **it was simply open season for the devil and his multitude of demons to take as much ground back from God's people as they could by deceiving them into false religions,**

worshipping the demons who operated in the atmosphere, like the other nations around them and beyond.

So in Elijah's case he had to deal with King Ahab in Israel and later his even more abhorrent and foreign wife,



Jezebel. (links below). It is important to note that Elijah was the main Prophet of God among the nation, more or less what some people refer to today as a 'national leader of a church'. Many other younger prophets and older people all followed him, hungered for his presence and visitations and obeyed his messages I am sure. However they were surely in a tiny minority by now in the nation, very similar to today also. In essence these other believers were, **in part at least**, an Underground Movement.

The Lord always has his own parallel, that is, His true Kingdom running at the same time as the secular ones of man, just as it remains today!! We can say, as

we read more, that a lot of the workings of the Lord's parallel kingdom were in secret and in secret places away from the prying eyes of the secular system! I find this immensely encouraging having lived in China (PRC) for so many years where so much of our work was underground.

In this background, Elijah was not alone, **he** may have been especially chosen by God, but there was also a wellspring of other true believers of the same mindset and belief.

How exciting!

The text of 1 Kings 16: 29-34 and all of 1 Kings 17

1 Kings 16 29-34

Ahab Reigns in Israel

29 In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, [Southern Kingdom], Ahab the son of Omri became king over Israel; and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years.

30 Now Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord, more than all who were before him. 31 And it came to pass, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he went and served Baal and worshipped him.

32 Then he set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

33 And Ahab made a wooden image. Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

34 ****In his days Hiel of Bethel built Jericho. He laid its foundation with Abiram his firstborn, and with his youngest son Segub he set up its gates, according to the word of the Lord, which He had spoken**

through Joshua the son of Nun.

*So Ahab was not only an exceedingly bad king, he was evil in his own right already, probably got some certificates of his evilness and the accompanying celebrations as we have today also to celebrate anti-God accomplishments. Ahab also made matters far worse, if that were even possible, which it was according to this scripture, by marrying Jezebel, that spiritually attuned woman to the demons of the age. So it was an easy step for him to move over completely to worshipping the god of his wife, the one and only Mr. Baal, who still exists today. (more links below on 'him') ****

*** In verse 34, we see the amazing fulfilment of a prophecy uttered 3-400 years previously. This is a topic worthy of great study outside of this humble edition, and again proves the authenticity of the Bible.*

Elijah Proclaims a Drought

1 Kings 17 And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word."

! *Elijah, God's man, was already receiving his instructions from God. 'Calling for a famine', 'calling for a drought' calling for anything God tells you to call for is totally legitimate, IF you are truly God's Person. Don't presume though, as many have, that you are in the same league as Elijah.*

2 Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying,

3 "Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan.

4 And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there."

5 So he went and did according to the word of the Lord, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan.



6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook.

7 And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

! *We modern people who are surrounded by images, advertising and material things and our I phones or similar products produced primarily by unbelievers, have lost touch with the possibilities that God can use His other creations to help us. This is becoming even clearer through scientific research that various animals and birds and pets, are available to help us in times of need, one need only to research, even by Google or other better research engines.*

God told Elijah exactly what to do, where to go, and how to expect his supply. 'Go East', God said! God was intensely interested every second to make sure Elijah made it through his calling.

Specific instructions in minute detail from God are fantastic to receive! There are many examples in the Bible; this particular message is brought out wonderfully in the book 'Lessons from Elijah by Andrew Wommack (links below)

Elijah and the Widow

8 Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 9 "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you." 10 So he arose

and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup that I may drink." 11 And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

12 So she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son



14 For thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.'

15 So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. 16 The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke by Elijah.

! Elijah, by God's Word, has moved location at a great distance actually (well over 100 km), by specific instruction and finds the next location and person God has provided for him! In this almost end time terrible situation, God provides a widow, God bless her. Although she is only one meal

away from death, she obeys Elijah's instruction to make him the prophet a meal first!

*Because Elijah made her a promise from God! 'You wont die if you do this'. We have to receive the Word of God in order to take steps of faith, like this widow. God put this prime example in the Bible to teach us something supremely important: (i) be righteous, (ii) obey the prophet's Word when he comes to you. (iii) **all will be well with you and your entire family!***

Elijah Revives the Widow's Son

17 Now it happened after these things that the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him.

18 So she said to Elijah, "What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?"

19 And he said to her, "Give me your son." So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed.

20 Then he cried out to the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?"

21 And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him." 2

2 Then the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived.

23 And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives!"

24 Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is the

truth."

! Often it is very important that we as true missionaries or pastors or any believer have to unexpectedly demonstrate our faith in God in emergency or life and death scenarios. Here Elijah responded in full faith during the death of the widow's son and he came back to life.

May the Lord help us all to have such simple faith at such or similar times.

Well, that brings us to the end of this first part. The 'heavy' action and mighty spiritual battles are coming up soon where Elijah ends the drought, has the massive confrontation with Baal and his 850 priests on top of a high mountain and many other wild and crazy things resulting in victory for the LORD!

Don't miss it.

God bless you.

Love Jerry for the WCF Team

Other very useful links

[Elijah - Wikipedia](#)

[When did Elijah live - Google Search](#)

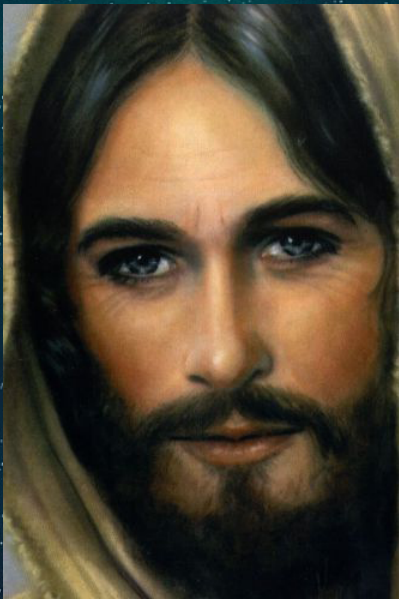
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JOHN 14:12
VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO YOU,
HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME, THE
WORKS THAT I DO SHALL HE DO
ALSO; AND GREATER WORKS THAN
THESE SHALL HE DO; BECAUSE I GO
UNTO MY FATHER.

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