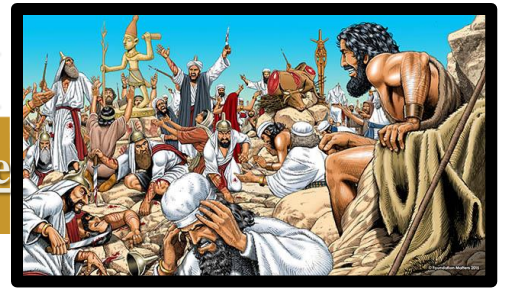


HEROES OF THE FAITH

ELIJAH: God Speaks Through Obedience

1 Kings 18:1-46

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➤ Review

❖ Chapter 17

- God sent Elijah to confront Ahab (the house of Omri). (v. 1)
- Before Elijah, no prophet of God addressed Omri.
- Elijah's edict from God – no rain. (v. 1)
- Elijah learns to depend upon God. (vv. 2-7)
- God refined Elijah's character further – Zarephath widow. (vv. 8-16)
- Powerless. Elijah fully depended upon God. (vv. 17-24)
 - ✓ The widow's son died. (v. 17)
 - ✓ Elijah took the boy to God. (vv. 19-21)
 - ✓ Elijah prayed. God spoke. The woman believed. (vv. 22-24)
 - ✓ Death brought salvation, and life. (v. 24)

➤ NOTE: (Chapter 18): Elijah's tenure in God's "*Crucible of Leadership*". (v. 1)

➤ Elijah obeyed God. Trusted God. Totally depended upon God.

➤ God's timing is never askew.

➤ Elijah waited upon God. God spoke. Elijah obeyed.

➤ Elijah is not alone. NOTE: Obadiah. (vv. 1-16)

➤ Elijah understood. The widow understood. Now, Israel would understand who God is. NOTE: God's timing & judgment. (17:1; Luke 4:25-26)

Israel's rebellion. God's judgment. (v. 1)

➤ Elijah returned to Israel to confront Ahab. (vv. 2-19)

- ❖ God's judgement – the drought (vv. 1-2) – continued. God's divine plan. (v. 1)
- ❖ Elijah was not alone. (vv. 2-6)
- ❖ Obadiah's dilemma. (v. 7)
- ❖ Obadiah's reaction to Elijah. (vv. 8-12)
- ❖ Obadiah's faith...and his fear. (vv. 9-16)
- ❖ Elijah met Ahab, again. (vv. 17, 17:1; 1)
- ❖ God's truth. Elijah's challenge. (vv. 18-19)



- The spiritual showdown on Mount Carmel. (vv. 20-40; **see map**)
 - ❖ Ahab brought Israel to Mount Carmel. (v. 20)
 - ❖ God provided the details through His prophet. (vv. 21-24)
 - God's omniscience, omnipotence, & omnipresence displayed. (v. 21)
 - "...*limping*..." - - Hebrew *pasakh* (פסַח)
 - ✓ Limp
 - ✓ An inability to move around properly.
 - LORD: (יהוה - Jehovah _____.)
 - Baal: (בעל - Phoenician god; _____.)
 - Elijah gave the contest rules (vv. 22-24).
 - ❖ The contest began, with the Baal prophets going first. (v. 25)
 - ❖ The prophets of Baal began. Baal was silent. (v. 26)
 - ❖ Elijah mocked the prophets. "Why?" (v. 27)
 - ❖ Baal is silent. The prophets intensify their worship. (vv. 28-29)
 - ❖ Elijah prepared to worship God. (vv. 30-35)
 - He gathered the people around him. (v. 30)
 - Elijah took proper steps to worship God. (vv.31-35)
 - ❖ Physically, & spiritually, Elijah was ready to worship God.
 - ❖ He prayed. (vv. 36-37) **NOTE:** The role of prayer in prayer ministry.
 - ❖ God spoke. (v. 38)
 - ❖ Israel responded. (v. 39)
 - ❖ Elijah meted out God's judgment. (v. 40)
- God once again showed His divine, sovereign power. (vv. 41-46)
 - ❖ God told Elijah, who told Ahab, it would rain. (v. 41; 17:1)
 - ❖ Ahab rejoiced. Elijah seemingly prayed. (v. 42)
 - ❖ Elijah sent his servant to check for rain *seven* times. (vv. 43-44)
 - "7"
 - Elijah's faith.
 - God spoke. (v. 44)
 - ❖ The rain came. Ahab rode his chariot to Jezreel. Elijah ran there. The distance from Mount Carmel to Jezreel was approx. 30 miles. (vv. 45-46)





The Valley of Jezreel, also known as the Valley of Armageddon

