

## THE LIFE OF ELIJAH

God's Man in the Devil's Hour  
1 Kings 16:29-17:1

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## Elijah

- "No other prophet, either before or after, strove and worked in the idolatrous kingdom for the honor of the Lord of Sabbath with anything like the same mighty power of God as the mighty prophet Elijah."

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## Elijah

- *Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.*  
(James 5:17-18)

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## Historical Background

- Solomon – where we need to begin
  1. Promises given – 1 Kings 2:1-4
  2. Fantastic possessions – 1 Kings 4:20-25
  3. Outstanding wisdom – 1 Kings 4:29-34
  4. Amazing wealth – 1 Kings 10:14-15
  5. What awful sins – 1 Kings 11:4-6



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## Historical Background

- Jeroboam – 1 Kings 12:28-33 – 22 year reign  
What a legacy he left behind!



- Nadab – 1 Kings 15:25-30 – 2 year reign  
Assassinated by General Baasha

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## Historical Background

- Baasha – 1 Kings 15:33-16:4 – reigned 24 years  
Forgot the reasons for his being king!
- Elah – 1 Kings 16:8-13 – reigned 2 years  
Assassinated by General Zimri
- Zimri – 1 Kings 16:18-19 – reigned 7 days  
Committed suicide rather than surrender to General Omri

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## Historical Background

- Omri – 1 Kings 16:21-28 - reigned 12 years  
Built a new capitol – Samaria  
Was a very evil man  
Had a very evil son - Ahab



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## Historical Background

- Ahab – 1 Kings 16:29-33 – reigned 22 years  
Was trivial to follow in Jeroboam's sins

Introduced the religion of Baal



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## Elijah's Proclamation

- Time: October/November
- Place: Court of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel
- Message:
  1. God is alive
  2. God is still King
  3. God's Word is true



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## Challenge

- We need the boldness of an Elijah today:
  1. Make a choice to serve God first.
  2. Evaluate our own lifestyle in the light of that choice.
  3. Then boldly proclaim Christ to the Ahab's around us.

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