

“Historical Books Of The Bible”
1 Kings 18:1-46
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1 Kings 18:17-22

1 Kings 17 & 18 – In these two chapters, there is recorded 7 different miracles that Elijah either performed or experienced:

1. 1 Kings 17:1 – Miracle – Nationwide Drought
2. 1 Kings 17:2-7 – Miracle – Food from Unclean Birds
3. 1 Kings 17:8-16 – Miracle – Food from Empty Vessels
4. 1 Kings 17:17-24 – Miracle – Life for a Dead Boy
5. 1 Kings 18:1-40 – Miracle – Fire from Heaven
6. 1 Kings 18:41-45 – Miracle – The rains return
7. 1 Kings 18:46 – Miracle – Strength for the journey

1 Kings 16:28 – 1 Kings 22 Is Wicked Ahab Of Israel.

1. Verses 1-19 – Elijah And Ahab

2. Verses 20-40 – Baal Verses The God Of Israel

3. Verses 41-46 – The Rain And God’s Strength

1. Verses 1-19 – Elijah And Ahab:

1 Kings 18:1-3

“Obadiah” – his name means “servant of Jehovah.”

1 Kings 18:4 – He proved his faith during Jezebel’s “purge” by risking his life to rescue and support one hundred prophets of the Lord. 1 Kings 18:13

1 Kings 18:5-7

“my master?” – “My lord, Elijah”; there was this great respect for Elijah.

1 Kings 18:8-16

Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea – God used them to give proper burial to the body of Jesus, John 19:38-42.

Esther kept quiet about her Jewish heritage until it was absolutely necessary to use it to save the life of the nation.

1 Kings 18:17

“Ahab said to him, ‘Is this you, you troubler of Israel?’” – “one who brings misfortune on a community by breaking an oath or by swearing a foolish one.”

1 Kings 17:1

Galatians 4:16

Everything that Elijah did was according to the Word of the Lord, 1 Kings 18:36.

1 Kings 18:18

Both Jesus and Paul would be called "troublemakers" (Luke 23:5; Acts 16:20; 17:6), so Elijah was in good company.

1 Kings 18:19

Pictures: Mount Carmel was located near the border of Israel and Phoenicia, 1500 foot mountains, overlook Valley Of Jezreel. Important passage to the coast from the Valley of Jezreel.

2. Verses 20-40 – Baal Verses The God Of Israel:

1 Kings 18:20-21

"and said, 'How long will you hesitate between two opinions?'" – "crutches"; hobble.

"you hesitate" – "limping" between two opinions and trying to serve both Jehovah and Baal.

Moses, Exodus 32:26

"Joshua said" – Joshua 24:15

1 Kings 18:22 – he was the only one openly serving the Lord, and therefore he was outnumbered by the 450 prophets of Baal.

1 Kings 18:23-26

Psalms 2:4

1 Kings 18:27 – Sarcastically, "You need more volume."

1 Kings 18:28-31

"Israel shall be your name." – "Governed by God."

1 Kings 18:32-34 – 36 gallons

1 Kings 18:35

Verses 36-37 – Elijah's Prayer: 1 Kings 18:36-37

Elijah may have been thinking of God's promise to Solomon in

2 Chronicles 7:12-15.

1 Kings 18:38-40

This was in obedience to the Lord's command in Deuteronomy 13:13-18; 17:2-5; Retribution for killing God's prophets! 1 Kings 19:1

3. Verses 41-46 – The Rain And God's Strength:

1 Kings 18:41

James 5:17-18

1 Kings 18:42-46

"and he girded up his loins and outran Ahab to Jezreel." – Elijah ran ahead of Ahab and reached Jezreel ahead of the king, a distance of about 17 miles.

Application:

1. Beware Of Blame Shifting. Ahab Blames Elijah For The Drought. It Was Actually Ahab And Jezebel That Led Israel Into Baal Worship, Thus Resulting In God's Judgment.
2. Elijah's Contest On Mount Carmel Against The Prophets Of Baal Was Really A Contest Between The God Of Israel Versus The False god Baal. The Outcome Was Israel Acknowledged "**The LORD, He is God; the LORD, He is God.**"
3. We Can Always Trust In God Who Is Always True To His Word. God Told Elijah It Would Not Rain For 3 ½ Years And After 3 ½ Years, God Sent The Rain.