

**THEME: CALL TO PERSEVERANCE WITH ASSURANCE**

(Rom.8:17; 1Pt.1:11; Ps.30:5,11; 126:1f)

**A. SUFFERING REVEALED** (8:31a-33; 34-37; see Phil.2:5f; Mk.1:13f)

**B. GLORY PROMISED** (8:31b; 34a, 35b; (38); 9:9,10)

**B. GLORY PROVED** (9:1&2-8; see Phil.2:9f)

**A. SUFFERING REITERATED** (9:11-13; see Mal.4:5; Mt.17:13f; 11:14,10; see Jn.1:19f; Lk.1:17; 7:27)

**ELIJAH: FOLLOWED GOD THROUGH SUFFERING INTO GLORY**

(Mk.9:4,5; 11-13; 1 Kings 17-19,21; 2Kngs.1,2; note: Moses)

**A. PERSON: SOCIAL OUTCAST** (2Kngs.1:8; see Mt.3:4; 11:18,7f)

**B. WORK: PROFESSIONAL BEARER OF BAD NEWS TO REBELLIOUS PEOPLE**

(see Mk.1:1f; Mt.3:7; Mk.6:18)

1. apostate Israel: Ahab & Jezebel (1Kngs.16:29f; 18:19; note: Baal & Asherah; idolatry & immorality; power & pleasure; all versus truth & righteousness; Mt.22:37f; Ex.20:1f; see Mk.6:17f)
2. Samaria: proclaimed an extensive drought → severe famine (1Kngs.16:29f; 17:1; see Dt.28:15f,24; 1Kngs.8:35; vs. Baal)
3. Cherith & Zeraphath: sent into protective custody (1Kngs.17:2f & 8f(Lk.9:26); see 18:4)
4. Mount Carmel: proclaimed an ultimate faceoff (1Kngs.18:19f,36; fire, vs. Baal)
5. repentant Israel: rains restored (1Kngs.18:21 vs. 24,39; then 41f; see Dt.30:1f; 1Kngs.8:35)
6. unrepentant Jezebel: threats renewed (19:1f; see Mk.6:17f)
7. Beersheba: went into protective custody in despair (1Kngs.19:3f; see Gen.21:14f,31; 26:23f,33)
8. Mt. Horeb (Sinai): in despair went back to basics (1Kngs.19:8f; see 10,14(Ps.22:1f); see 11f (Ex.34:5f); see Heb.12:3,1f)
9. restored to his prophetic calling by the word of God (19:9f,12; then 15f&19f; see Rom.15:4)
10. encouraged by the promise of a remnant (19:18; see Rom.11:1-5; 15:4)
11. apostasy resumed: murder and theft (21:1f,19; 25,26)
12. proclaimed extermination of all his wicked household (21:19-26; see 22:38; 2Kngs.9:25f, 30f)
13. repentant Ahab: extermination delayed (21:27-29; see 18:24f; Ex.34:6f; Dt.30:1; 1Kngs.8:35; 1Jn.1:9)
14. proclaimed death to wicked Ahaziah (2Kngs.1:1f,8; see 1Kngs.22:51-53)
15. proclaimed death to wicked Jehoram (2Chr.21:1f,4,6; 12-15)
16. the chariots of Israel and its horsemen (2Kngs.2:11,12; see 1Kngs.19:8f(Ex.34:1f; Mk.9:1f); see Dan.12:13; see Ex.34:1-6; Jud.1:9)

**FOLLOW ELIJAH'S EXAMPLE!**

**A. IMITATE ELIJAH AS AN EXAMPLE OF FAITHFUL DISCIPLESHIP!** (above; Heb.12:3,2; 13:7; see 1Pt.1:11; Rom.8:17,30)

**B. DEVOTE YOURSELF TO THE WORD & PRAYER AS MEANS TO PERSEVERANCE!**  
(1Kngs.19:8f (Ex.34:1f; c.19,20); Rom.15:4 & 1Kngs.17:20; 18:24; 36,37; 42(Jms.5:17f); 19:4; 11,14)

**C. BE PREPARED TO SUFFER GREATLY & CONSTANTLY IN LOYAL SERVICE TO THE LORD!**  
(Mk.9:34-38; Lk.9:23; see 2Cor.11:23f; 2Tm.3:12; see 1Pt.1:11 with 4:12f; 5:6-10a)

**D. BE ASSURED OF THE PROVED PROMISED OF ETERNAL GLORY IN CHRIST!** (Mk.8:31; 9:1f; Heb.12:2; 2Kngs.2; Mt.25:21; 2Tm.4:7,8; Rom.8:37; Phil.4:13; 1Pt.4:13; 5:6,10,11)

*Brethren, what shall WE DO?* (see Acts 2:37f)