

## ELIJAH'S COURAGEOUS FAITH DURING ISRAEL'S DARK AGES (1 Kings 17:1-24)

- *Why should we study the life of Elijah?*

### I. ELIJAH'S COURAGEOUS FAITH DURING ISRAEL'S DARK AGES (17:1-24)

#### A. The Need for Courageous Faith in Elijah's Day (16:21-34)

1. Politically, Elijah ministered as a prophet mainly in the northern kingdom of Israel from roughly \_\_\_\_\_ during the reign of King \_\_\_\_\_, who formed a political alliance with Phoenicia by marrying King Ethbaal's daughter \_\_\_\_\_. (16:29-33)
2. Spiritually, Elijah ministered during Israel's dark ages, when the worship of \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ and the worship of \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_. (18:3-4, 19-21)

#### B. Elijah's Faith before AHAB (17:1)

1. Elijah's name means \_\_\_\_\_. (17:1)
2. He was from the northern region of \_\_\_\_\_. (17:1)
3. Elijah prepared for his confrontation with King Ahab by \_\_\_\_\_ in faith (James 5:16-18), according to the \_\_\_\_\_ (Lev. 26:18-20; Deut. 11:16-17; 28:23-24; 1 Kings 8:35-36).

- *What else can you learn from Elijah's prayer?*

4. Elijah recognized that though he was standing in the presence of King \_\_\_\_\_, he was really standing before \_\_\_\_\_. (17:1; cf. Matt. 28:20; Acts 9:15-16; Eph. 3:1; Phil. 1:13)

- *Where did Elijah's courage and boldness come from?*

### C. Elijah's Faith at CHERITH (17:2-7)

1. The *place* of God's provision for Elijah was at the Brook Cherith, approximately \_\_\_\_\_ miles southeast of the capital city of Samaria. (17:1-6)
  - *Does God have a specific place for you in His will?* (Ps. 37:23; Prov. 3:5-6; James 4:13-15)
2. The *manner* of God's provision for Elijah was both \_\_\_\_\_, with the water brook, and \_\_\_\_\_, with the ravens feeding him \_\_\_\_\_ per day. (17:4, 6)
3. The timing of God's provision for Elijah at Cherith lasted \_\_\_\_\_, until the brook literally \_\_\_\_\_ (17:7), and the Lord commanded him to move to the Phoenician coastal town of Zarephath (17:8-9).

### D. Elijah's Faith at ZAREPHATH (17:8-24)

1. The Lord directed Elijah to Zarephath, a coastal town near \_\_\_\_\_ (17:8-9)—an unlikely place for an Israeli prophet of Jehovah to hide (18:10)—but also a place where a \_\_\_\_\_ lived who would \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord (Luke 4:24-26).
2. This was a test of faith for both Elijah and the widow, not to look at their \_\_\_\_\_ but at \_\_\_\_\_. (17:10-16)
3. The Lord brought an even greater test for Elijah and the widow by allowing her son to \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_ again. (17:17-24)
  - *How did the widow and Elijah respond?*
  - *How does this picture the gospel?*
  - *How does all of this apply to you?*