

Fed by Ravens

1 Kings 16:29-17:6

I. **The Days of Elijah**

A. A **Divided** Kingdom

B. A **Wealthy** Nation

C. A History of **Unfaithfulness**

1. **Solomon's sin caused division of the kingdom.**

2. **Jeroboam son of Nebat caused Israel to sin.** (1 Kg 12:28)
reinvented religion to secure political power, created
alternative system to compete with the true worship of God

3. **Idolatry became entrenched in the culture.**

D. The **Most Notorious** King Ever (Ahab)

1. He **reinforced** Jeroboam's sin.

2. He **married** Jezebel, a Phoenician princess.

3. He allowed **State-sponsored** foreign religion.

E. A **Resurgence** of Canaanite Religion

1. **The Prohibition** (Ex 34:11-16; Deut 7)—treaties,
intermarriage, or worship Canaanite gods

2. **The Idols**—Canaanite fertility cult

a. **Baal**—chief male god, male virility, bring rain, give fertility

b. **Asherah**—goddess of war and sex, motherhood, fertility

3. **The City of Jericho** (1 Kng 16:34; Josh 6:26)—defiance of
God, sacrifice of children

II. The Prophet (Deut 18:14-22)

A. The Man of God (17:1; James 5:17)

- 1. Elijah was a human being.**
- 2. The name Elijah means "The LORD is God."**
- 3. A prophet was devoted to the service of God.**

B. The Word of the LORD (17:2; 2 Pet 1:20-21)

- 1. God is actively involved in human history.**
- 2. God pursues His wayward people.**
- 3. The Word of God is absolutely reliable.**

III. The Drought (17:1)

A. Drought is a reality check. (Deut 8:2-3)

- 1. Withholding rain was a direct challenge to Baal.**
- 2. God sends drought to test us, to teach us, and to remind us who it is that gives us what we need.**

B. When God thwarts our desires, idols cannot help us.

C. Famine should turn us to the True God.

IV. God's Miraculous Provision (17:2-6; Gen 22:14; Phil 4:19)

A. God has a history of faithfulness.

B. God can simultaneously punish the wicked and sustain the righteous. (Ps 23:5; 2 Peter 2:9)

A. God is completely reliable in His faithfulness but endlessly creative in His methods!

Days of Elijah

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These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days of great trial
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert crying
'Prepare ye the way of the Lord!'

Chorus:

Behold He comes riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes

These are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
These are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in Your world
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard
Declaring the word of the Lord

Chorus

There's no God like Jehovah
There's no God like Jehovah...

Chorus (repeated x 4)

Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes

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