Fellowship Church, Adult Sunday School Handout June 28, 2020 / W.H.

Intro: Welcome. Local admin. Talk – current event. Communicate – example of request for a Bible App.

Series: The Kings of Israel, examples for our Learning and Admonition (lesson 6 of **12**) Why 12?

**Title:** Wisdom from 7 prophets in 1 Kings **Text:** 1 Kings 11-22

**Background:** King Saul, David, and Solomon (foundation) Rehoboam and Jeroboam (good and evil)

**Ground rules.**  **Deuteronomy 31:12** Gather **the people together,** **men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that *is* within thy gates,** **that they may** hear, **and that** **they may** learn, **and** fear **the LORD your God**, /**and** observe **to** do **all the** words of this law: **(KJV). Expands on 1 John 3:18 Love not in word-mouth but deed-truth.**

The prophet today is Christ in me through being baptized with the Holy Spirit.  John 16:7-15  8 And when he is come, he will **reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:** 12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13 Howbeit when he, **the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:** for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you. 1 Cor 14. Prophesy.

**Prophet King High Places Passage Wisdom**

1. Ahijah (clothing tore/10-2) Jeroboam (I) high places 1 Kings 11:26-39 (38) Ro 12:1-2 God’s will-mind

2. Shemaiah (180K no battle) Rehoboam (J) high places 1 Kings 12:16-24 Col 4:5 God’s time-walk

3. man of God & old prophet Jeroboam (I) high places 1 Kings 13 James 1:5-8 Obey God’s-heart

4. Jehu Baasha (I) high places 1 Kings 16:7 Rev 19:10 spirit of prophecy

5. Elijah – Elisha (19:19-21) Ahab (I) / high places/ 1 Kings 17-18 James 3:13-18 above or below

450 prophets slayed Jezebel (I) Baal worship 1 Kings 19: 4b Mt 28:20b Others, same spirit

6. Prophet/man of God/son Ahab (I) battle/Syrians 1 Kings 19-20 Acts 6:3, 10 Spirit gave him

7. Micaiah (400 to 1) Ahab (I) / battle/Syrians 1 Kings 22 John 16:7-15 Spirit of truth

Jehoshaphat (J) 2 Peter 2 false teachers

Elijah: New Testament references

Malachi 4:5-6: spirit of John the Baptist (Luke 1:17) and before the coming of that great and dreadful day (Rev 11:3). The Elijah Task, false prophet movement.

Gospels: Mt 17:3 Mount of Transfiguration. Many times others thought Jesus was John the Baptist, Elias or Jeremiah

Romans 11:2-6, I alone, no 7K not bowed down to the idol Baal. Revival or revivalism before 2nd coming.

**Jas 5:16b** The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. **17** Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of **three years and six months. Why does 1 Kings say only 3 years? Did Jesus die on the cross Wed-Thur-Fri?**

Rev 11:3-13 Two witnesses. 1260 days/3.5 yr witnessed with power, 3.5 days dead then raised, earthquake 7K died.

1-Creation (God-Jesus) 2-Law (Moses-Joshua) 3-Prophets (Elijah-Elisha) **4-Gospels** (Jesus-**John**)

5-Church (Paul-Timothy) **6-Tribulation** (Christ-Angels or Moses and Elijah) 7-1000 (Jesus-saints reign w/Christ)

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| 1. Shut up the heavens causing a drought and opening to cause rain | 1 Kings 17:1, 14, 18:41-46 (James 5:16-17) |
| 2. Fed by ravens | 1 Kings 17:2-7 |
| 3. Multiplies flour and oil for the Zidon widow (prophet’s reward) | 1 Kings 17:8-16 (Mt 10:42 / Gentile) |
| 4. Raises the Zidon widow's son from the dead | 1 Kings 17:17-24 |
| 5. Defeats the 450 prophets of Baal | 1 Kings 18:17-40 |
| 6. Destroys Ahaziah's soldiers with lightning | 2 Kings 1:9-13 |
| 7. Parts the Jordan River | 2 Kings 2:8 |
| 8. Taken to heaven in God's chariot | 2 Kings 2:9-18 |

Next Sunday: II Kings 3:1-12:21, 4 Evil kings and 2 Good/Evil kings. Wed prayer, Thur men’s breakfast. Prayer.

**Romans 12:1-2 (KJV)** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

**Colossians 4:5 (KJV)** Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

**James 1:5-8 (KJV)** If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

**Revelation 19:10 (KJV)** And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See *thou do it* not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

**James 3:13-18 (KJV)** Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

**Matthew 28:20 (KJV)** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

**Acts 6:3 (KJV)** Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost,

Revival or Revivalism

Luke 10:17-24 Seventy witness sent out and return. Rather rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

Plan – prepare – training, as good soldiers of the cross.

Reign with Christ

Inheritance in heaven

[**1 Kings**](#Kings1) **Chapter 11**

##### *1 - Ahijah the Prophet and* ***Jeroboam*** *(Israel) Rise Against Solomon (Judah)*

(26) 26 And **Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow woman, even he lifted up [his] hand against the king. 27 And this was the cause that **he lifted up [his] hand against the king:** **Solomon built Millo, [and] repaired the breaches of the city of David his father.** 28 And the man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valor: and Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph.

29 And it came to pass at that time when **Jeroboam** went out of Jerusalem, that the **prophet Ahijah** the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two [were] alone in the field: **30 And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and tore it [in] twelve pieces:** 31 And he said to Jeroboam, Take you ten pieces: for thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to you: 32 (But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:) 33 Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped **Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon,** and have **not walked in my ways, to do [that which is] right in my eyes,** and [to keep] my statutes and my judgments, **as [did] David his father.** 34 Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes: 35 But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it to you, [even] ten tribes. 36 And **to his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light always before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there.** 37 And I will take you, and you shall reign according to all that your soul desires, and shall be king over Israel.

38 And it shall be, (1-all) **if you will hearken to all that I command you, and will walk in my ways, and do [that is] right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with you, and build you a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you.**  39 And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not forever.

**Notes: Romans 12:1-2 Right thing? Right way and time – NO. Jerusalem!** High places for other gods. 11:38 If, is not since – conditional. David and Jerusalem – severe hand of God, or strong, normal or no hand.

2. South in Judah – Shemaiah (made a saint by Gk Ortho church, Jan 8)

*Ten Tribes Revolt against* ***Rehoboam*** *(Judah) and Make* ***Jeroboam*** *(Israel) Their King*

1 Ki 12:

(28) 16 So when all Israel saw that the king listened not to them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither [have we] inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to your own house, David. So Israel departed to their tents. 17 But [as for] the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. **18 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the tax; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died.** Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. 19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David to this day. 20 And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him to the assembly, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only. 21 And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, a hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon. **22 But the word of God came to** **Shemaiah the man of God,** saying, 23 Speak to Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying, 24 Thus says the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. They listened therefore to the word of the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD.

Notes: 180K of Judah to stop the secession from the united kingdom. The U.S. civil war had different purpose and time: Border states – 4, Union – 20, Confederate – 11, Territories - 8.

3. man of God and old prophet of Bethel,

[**1 Kings**](#Kings1) **Chapter 13 *The Man of God, Jeroboam and the Old Prophet in Bethel***

***Jeroboam****’s Hand Withers (Warned by the* ***Man of God****) at the False Altar in Bethel*

(29) 1 And, behold, there came **a man of God out of Judah** by the word of the LORD **to Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.**  2 And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus says the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon you shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon you, and men's bones shall be burnt upon you. 3 And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the LORD has spoken; Behold, the altar shall be torn, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out. 4 And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the **man of God, which had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.** **5 The altar also was torn, and the ashes poured out from the altar,** according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD. 6 And the king answered and said to the man of God, **Entreat now the face of the LORD your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God begged the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as [it was] before.** 7 And the king said to the man of God, **Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give you a reward.** 8 And the man of God said to the king, If you will give me half your house, I will not go in with you, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place: 9 For so was it charged me by the word of the LORD, saying, **Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that you came.** 10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Bethel.

##### *The* ***Man of God*** *from Judah Falls for a Lie from the Old Prophet from Bethel*

11 Now there dwelt an **old prophet in Bethel**; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel: the words which he had spoken to the king, them they told also to their father.

12 And their father said to them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah. 13 And he said to his sons, Saddle me the donkey. So they saddled him the donkey: and he rode thereon, 14 And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said to him, **Are you the man of God that came from Judah?** And he said, I [am]. 15 Then he said to him, Come home with me, and eat bread. 16 And he said, I may not return with you, nor go in with you: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with you in this place: 17 For it was said to me by the word of the LORD, You shall eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that you came. (3-all) **18 He said to him, I [am] a prophet also as you are; and an angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with you into your house, that he may eat bread and drink water. [But] he lied to him.** 19 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water. 20 And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that **the word of the LORD came to the prophet that brought him back:** 21 And he cried to the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus says the LORD, Forasmuch as you have disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and has not kept the commandment which the LORD your God commanded you, 22 But came back, and has eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which [the LORD] did say to you, Eat no bread, and drink no water; **your carcass shall not come to the sepulcher of your fathers.**

##### *The* ***Man of God*** *from Judah is Slain by Lion for Disobedience*

(30) 23 And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the donkey, [to wit], for the prophet whom he had brought back. **24 And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcass was cast in the way, and the donkey stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcass.** 25 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcass cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcass: and they came and told [it] in the city where the old prophet dwelt. 26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard [thereof], he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient to the word of the LORD: therefore the LORD has delivered him to the lion, which has torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spoke to him. 27 And he spoke to his sons, saying, Saddle me the donkey. And they saddled [him]. 28 And he went and found his carcass cast in the way, and the donkey and the lion standing by the carcass: the lion had not eaten the carcass, nor torn the donkey. 29 And the prophet took up the carcass of the man of God, and laid it upon the donkey, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him. 30 And he laid his carcass in his own grave; and they mourned over him, [saying], **Alas, my brother!** 31 And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spoke to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulcher wherein the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones: 32 For the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar **in Bethel**, and against all the **houses of the high places** which are in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass. 33 After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, (4-govt) but **made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places:** whosoever would, he consecrated him, and **he became [one] of the priests of the high places.** 34 And **this thing became sin to the house of Jeroboam, even to cut [it] off, and to destroy [it] from off the face of the earth.**

4. Jehu. 1 Ki 16:6 So Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah: and Elah his son reigned in his stead. 7 And also by the hand of the prophet **Jehu** the son of Hanani came the word of the LORD **against Baasha,** and against his house, even for *all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD,* in provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he killed him.

5. Elijah

**1 Ki 16:30** And Ahab the son of Omri **did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that *were* before him.**  **31** And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and **served Baal, and worshipped him.** **32** And he **reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.** **33** And **Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.**

Evil Prophets and gods. Moabite Stone (Mesha Stele) and the god Chemosh.

[**1 Kings**](#Kings1)**Chapter 17 *Elijah the Prophet (17:1-1 Kings 2:18)***

**Elijah's 8 miracles (later Elisha's 16 miracles**

*God Prepares, Provides, and Protects Elijah and Punishes Wicked Ahab (1st & 2nd miracles)*

(37) 1 And Elijah the Tishbite, [who was] of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, [As] the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. 2 And the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 3 Get you hence, and turn you eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. 4 And it shall be, [that] you shall drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there. 5 So he went and did according to the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. 6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook. 7 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

QT Note:

Q1 – Does God prepare, provide, and protect his people today as he did Elijah?  
A1 – Yes, as we live obedient, holy lives, we allow God to prepare, provide, and protect us too.   
A2 – James 5:16-17. Elijah was a man of like passion and prayer for our example to follow.

Q2 – Why does 1 Kings 18:1 say the draught lasted three years and Jesus and James say the draught last three years and six months in Luke 4:25 and James 5:17?

A1 - The Jewish tend to round off years and days, i.e. Jesus in the grave 3 days – part of Friday and Sunday,  
A2 – Because 3 ½ is half of 7 relating to the 70th week of Daniel and the great tribulation in the book of Revelation in the future.

Q3 – Why did God use unclean ravens to feed Elijah?  
A – The ravens were unclean to eat, but still by nature capable of feeding Elijah every morning and evening.

Application: I know as I obey God and live holy that He prepares the way, provides the need, and protects in His mighty power.

QT hint: Daily time in prayer and the Word grows our faith so we trust and wait on God who prepares, provides, and protects.

*Elijah Multiplies the Widow’s Flour and Oil (3rd miracle)*

(38) 8 And the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 9 Arise, get you to Zarephas, which [belongs] to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain you. 10 So he arose and went to Zarephas. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray you, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. 11 And as she was going to fetch [it], he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray you, a morsel of bread in your hand. 12 And she said, [As] the LORD your God lives, I have not a cake, but a handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I [am] gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for **me and my son,** **that we may eat it, and die.** 13 And Elijah said to her, Fear not; go [and] do as you have said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring [it] to me, and after make for you and for your son. 14 For thus says the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day [that] the LORD sends rain upon the earth. 15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat [many] days. 16 [And] the barrel of meal was not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spoke by Elijah.

*Elijah Revives the Widow’s Son (4th miracle)*

17 And it came to pass after these things, [that] the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. 18 And she said to Elijah, What have I to do with you, O you man of God? are you come to me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son? 19 And he said to her, Give me your son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. 20 And he cried to the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, have you also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? 21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried to the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray you, let this child's soul come into him again. 22 And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. 23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him to his mother: and Elijah said, See, your son lives. 24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that you are a man of God, [and] that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.

[**1 Kings**](#Kings1)**Chapter 18**

*Elijah’s Message to Ahab*

(39) 1 And it came to pass [after] many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, show thyself to Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth. 2 And Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. And [there was] a sore famine in Samaria. 3 And Ahab called Obadiah, which was the governor of [his] house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly**: 4 For it was [so], when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took a hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)** 5 And Ahab said to Obadiah, Go into the land, to all fountains of water, and to all brooks: peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts. 6 So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself. 7 And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, [Are] you that my lord Elijah? 8 And he answered him, I [am]: go, tell your lord, Behold, Elijah [is here]. 9 And he said, What have I sinned, that you would deliver your servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me? 10 [As] the LORD your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom, where my lord has not sent to seek you: and when they said, [He is] not [there]; he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found you not. 11 And now you say, Go, tell your lord, Behold, Elijah [is here]. 12 And it shall come to pass, [as soon as] I am gone from you, that the Spirit of the LORD shall carry you where I know not; and [so] when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find you, he shall slay me: but I your servant fear the LORD from my youth. 13 Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid a hundred men of the LORD'S prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water? 14 And now you say, Go, tell your lord, Behold, Elijah [is here]: and he shall slay me. 15 And Elijah said, [As] the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to him today. 16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

[**1 Kings**](#Kings1) **Chapter 18**

*Elijah’s Mount Carmel Altar & Sacrifice Victory Over 450 Prophets of Baal (5th miracle)*

(40) 17 And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that **Ahab said to him, [Are] you he that troubles Israel? 18 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but you, and your father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and you have followed Baalim.** 19 Now therefore send, [and] gather to me all Israel to mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table. 20 So Ahab sent to all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together to mount Carmel. 21 And Elijah came to all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD [be] God, follow him: but if Baal, [then] follow him. And the people answered him not a word. 22 Then said Elijah to the people, I, [even] I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but **Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.** 23 Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay [it] on wood, and put no fire [under]: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay [it] on wood, and put no fire [under]: 24 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answers by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken. 25 And Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress [it] first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire [under]. 26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed [it], and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But [there was] no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made. 27 And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, [or] peradventure he sleeps, and must be awaked. 28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them. 29 And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the [time] of the offering of the [evening] sacrifice, that [there was] neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded. 30 And Elijah said to all the people, Come near to me. And all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD [that was] broken down. 31 And **Elijah took twelve stones**, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be your name: 32 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed. 33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid [him] on the wood, and said, **Fill four barrels with water, and pour [it] on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.** 34 And he said, Do [it] the second time. And they did [it] the second time. And he said, Do [it] the **third time.** And **they did [it] the third time.** 35 And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water. 36 And it came to pass at [the time of] the offering of the [evening] sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and [that] I [am] your servant, and [that] I have done all these things at your word. 37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that you are the LORD God, and [that] you have turned their heart back again. 38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. 39 And when all the people saw [it], they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God. **40 And Elijah said to them,** **Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.**

*The 3 Year Draught Ends & Elijah Wins Ahab’s Chariot*

41 And Elijah said to Ahab, Get you up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain. 42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, 43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, [There is] nothing. And he said, **Go again seven times.** 44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there arises a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say to Ahab, Prepare [your chariot], and get you down, that the rain stop you not. 45 And it came to pass in the meanwhile, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel. 46 And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

[**1 Kings**](#Kings1)**Chapter 19**

*Elijah Escapes from Jezebel*

(41) 1 And **Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.**  2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, So let the gods do [to me], and more also, if I make not your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time. 3 And when he saw [that], he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which [belongs] to Judah, and left his servant there. 4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I [am] not better than my fathers. 5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said to him, Arise [and] eat. 6 And he looked, and, behold, [there was] a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. 7 And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise [and] eat; because the journey is too great for you. 8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights to **Horeb the mount of God.** 9 And he came thither to a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD [came] to him, and he said to him, What do you here, Elijah? 10 And he said**, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and slain your prophets with the sword; and I, [even] I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.**

*God’s Revelation to Elijah in a Still Small Voice (not in a great wind, earthquake or fire)*

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; [but] the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; [but] the LORD was not in the earthquake: 12 And after the earthquake a fire; [but] the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. 13 And it was [so], when Elijah heard [it], that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, [there came] a voice to him, and said, What do you here, Elijah? **14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and slain your prophets with the sword; and I, [even] I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.** 15 And the LORD said to him, Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when you come, anoint Hazael [to be] king over Syria: 16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shall you anoint [to be] king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shall you anoint [to be] prophet in your room. 17 And it shall come to pass, [that] him that escapes the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. 18 Yet I have left [me] seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth which has not kissed him.

*Elijah Takes on a Disciple, Elisha*

19 So he departed there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing [with] twelve yoke [of oxen] before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him. 20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray you, kiss my father and my mother, and [then] I will follow you. And he said to him, Go back again: for what have I done to you? 21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave to the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered to him.

1-Creation (God-Jesus) 2-Law (Moses-Joshua) 3-Prophets (Elijah-Elisha) **4-Gospels** (Jesus-**John**) 5-Church (Paul-Timothy) **6-Tribulation** (Christ-Angels or Moses and Elijah) 7-1000 (Jesus-saints)

6. A prophet Ahab (I) battle 1 Kings 20:13-43

[**1 Kings**](#Kings1) **Chapter 20** *Ahab Greatly Defeats the Syrians*

(42) 1 And Benhadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together: and [there were] thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it. 2 And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said to him, Thus says Benhadad, 3 Your silver and your gold is my; your wives also and your children, [even] the goodliest, are my. 4 And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord, O king, according to your saying, I [am] yours, and all that I have. 5 And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaks Benhadad, saying, Although I have sent to you, saying, You shall deliver me your silver, and your gold, and your wives, and your children; 6 Yet I will send my servants to you tomorrow about this time, and they shall search your house, and the houses of your servants; and it shall be, [that] whatsoever is pleasant in your eyes, they shall put [it] in their hand, and take [it] away. 7 Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this [man] seeks mischief: for he sent to me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I denied him not. 8 And all the elders and all the people said to him, Hearken not [to him], nor consent. 9 Wherefore he said to the messengers of Benhadad, Tell my lord the king, All that you did send for to your servant at the first I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the messengers departed, and brought him word again. 10 And Benhadad sent to him, and said, The gods do so to me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people that follow me. 11 And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell [him], Let not him that girds on [his harness] boast himself as he that puts it off. 12 And it came to pass, when [Benhadad] heard this message, as he was drinking, he and the kings in the pavilions, that he said to his servants, Set [yourselves in array]. And they set [themselves in array] against the city. **13** And, behold, there came a prophet to Ahab king of Israel, saying, Thus says the LORD, Have you seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into your hand this day; and you shall know that I [am] the LORD. 14 And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus says the LORD, [Even] by the young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall order the battle? And he answered, You. 15 Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty two: and after them he numbered all the people, [even] all the children of Israel, [being] seven thousand. 16 And they went out at noon. **But Benhadad was drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him.** 17 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and Benhadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out of Samaria. 18 And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive. 19 So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them. 20 And they slew everyone his man: and the Syrians fled; and Israel pursued them: and Benhadad the king of Syria escaped on a horse with the horsemen.

21 And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter**.**

**22 And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said to him,** **Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see What do you : for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against you.**

##### *The Syrians Again Defeated (127K)*

(43) 23 And the servants of the king of Syria said to him, **Their gods are gods of the hills;** therefore they were stronger than we; but let us **fight against them in the plain,** and surely we shall be stronger than they. 24 And do this thing, Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their rooms: 25 And number you an army, like the army that you have lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight against them in the plain, [and] surely we shall be stronger than they. And he listened to their voice, and did so. 26 And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Benhadad numbered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel. 27 And the children of Israel were numbered, and were all present, and went against them: and the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country. **28 And there came a man of God, and spoke to the king of Israel,** and said, Thus says the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into your hand, and ye shall know that I [am] the LORD. **29 And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And [so] it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians a hundred thousand footmen in one day.** 30 But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and [there] **a wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand of the men [that were] left.** And Benhadad fled, and came into the city, into an inner chamber.

[**1 Kings**](#Kings1) **Chapter 20**

##### *Ahab’s Treaty with Ben-Hadad*

31 And his servants said to him, Behold now, we have **heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings:** let us, I pray you, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: peradventure he will save your life. 32 So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and [put] ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said**, Your servant Benhadad says, I pray you, let me live.** And he said, [Is] he yet alive? he is my brother. 33 Now the men did diligently observe whether [anything would come] from him, and did hastily catch [it]: and they said, Your brother Benhadad. Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then Benhadad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot. 34 And [Benhadad] said to him, The cities, which my father took from your father, I will restore; and you shall make streets for you in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. Then [said Ahab], I will send you away with this covenant. **So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.**

##### *Ahab Condemned*

35 And **a certain man of the sons of the prophets** said to his neighbor in the word of the LORD, Smite me, I pray you. And the man refused to smite him. 36 Then said he to him, Because you have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as you are departed from me, **a lion shall slay you.** And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and slew him. 37 Then he **found another man,** and said, Smite me, I pray you. And the man smote him, so that in smiting he wounded [him]. 38 So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with ashes upon his face. 39 And as the king passed by, he cried to the king: and he said, Your servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man to me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall your life be for his life, or else you shall pay a talent of silver. 40 And as your servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said to him, **So [shall] your judgment [be]; thyself has decided [it].** 41 And he hasted, and took the ashes away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned him that **he was of the prophets.** 42 And he said to him, Thus says the LORD, Because you have let go out of [your] hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore your life shall go for his life, and your people for his people. 43 And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.

7. Micaiah

[**1 Kings**](#Kings1)**Chapter 22**

*Jehoshaphat Joins Ahab - Micaiah the Prophet Warns Ahab (400/1 prophet)*

(45) 1 And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel. 2 And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel. 3 And the king of Israel said to his servants, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and we [be] still, [and] take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria? 4 And he said to Jehoshaphat, Will you go with me to battle to Ramothgilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I [am] as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses**. 5 And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel,** **Enquire, I pray you, at the word of the LORD today.** 6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, Shall I go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the Lord shall deliver [it] into the hand of the king. **7 And Jehoshaphat said, [Is there] not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him? 8 And the** king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, [There is] yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. **And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.** 9 Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, **Hasten [hither] Micaiah** the son of Imlah. 10 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. 11 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, Thus says the LORD, With these shall you push the Syrians, until you have consumed them. 12 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramothgilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver [it] into the king's hand. 13 And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets [declare] good to the king with one mouth: let your word, I pray you, be like the word of one of them, and speak [that which is] good. 14 And Micaiah said, [As] the LORD lives, what the LORD says to me, that will I speak. 15 So he came to the king. And the king said to him, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver [it] into the hand of the king. 16 And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure you that you tell me nothing but [that which is] true in the name of the LORD? 17 And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace. 18 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell you that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil? 19 And he said, Hear you therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. 20 And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner. 21 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him. 22 And the LORD said to him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, You shall persuade [him], and prevail also: go forth, and do so. 23 Now therefore, behold, the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets, and the LORD has spoken evil concerning you. 24 But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak to you? 25 And Micaiah said, Behold, you shall see in that day, when you shall go into an inner chamber to hide thyself. **26 And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son; 27 And say, Thus says the king, Put this [fellow] in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace.** 28 And Micaiah said, If you return at all in peace, the LORD has not spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, O people, every one of you.