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The reign of Ahab son of Omri 1 Kings 16:29-22:50

- Introduction of Elijah, the Tishbite, prophet of God.
- Elijah delivered the message of years of drought to Ahab. 1 Kings 17:1
- God initially provided for Elijah by brook Cherith east of the Jordan. 1 Kings 17:2-7
- God further provided in the land of Sidon through the miraculous provision in the home of a widow of Zarephath. (Jesus references this story in Luke 4:24-27) 1 Kings 17:8-16

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- God answered Elijah's prayer to restore the widow's son to life. 1 Kings 17:17-24

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- Yahweh reveals Himself as the one true and living God. 1 Kings 18:1-40
  - Sent Elijah to Ahab in the third year of the drought with the promise of rain.
    - Obadiah, Ahab's "chief of staff"
      - Loyal to Yahweh
      - Had hidden and provided for 100 prophets endangered by Jezebel

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  - Sent Elijah to Ahab in the third year of the drought with the promise of rain.
    - Obadiah, Ahab's "chief of staff"
      - Sent by Ahab to try to find any source of water to keep flocks and herds alive
      - Encountered Elijah during the search
      - Sent by Elijah to bring Ahab to him

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  - Sent Elijah to Ahab in the third year of the drought with the promise of rain.
    - Ahab accused Elijah of being the source of the problems of Israel.
    - Elijah quickly pointed out that it was Ahab and his family who had brought his calamity on Israel.

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    - Elijah proposed a meeting with the 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Asherah.
    - Elijah proposed a test that an altar be built, a sacrifice prepared and the God who provided the fire for the sacrifice should be followed.

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  - Sent Elijah to Ahab in the third year of the drought with the promise of rain.
    - The 850 pagan prophets cried out in loud, painful, and prolonged expressions to no avail.
    - Elijah repaired the altar of Yahweh, and then saturated the sacrifice, wood, and altar with water.

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  - Sent Elijah to Ahab in the third year of the drought with the promise of rain.
    - Elijah offered a simple and brief prayer to Yahweh.
    - Fire came from heaven and consumed the offering, the wood, the stones and evaporated all of the water.

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- Yahweh reveals Himself as the one true and living God. 1 Kings 18:1-40
  - Sent Elijah to Ahab in the third year of the drought with the promise of rain.
    - The people proclaimed Yahweh as God
    - Elijah had all the pagan prophets executed
    - God sent the promised rain

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Lessons

- God provides for and preserves His people during His judgment on the wicked.
- God often works through simple faith and obedience.
- God can and will confirm ministry through the miraculous.
- God has His people strategically placed to accomplish His purposes.

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Lessons

- The wicked often try to blame the righteous for their troubles.
- Yahweh, the I AM of the burning bush, the God of Israel, is the God Who hears and answers.

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