Lesson 4: Ahab and Elijah

Readings – 1 Kings 16:29-34, 1 Kings 17-20, 21

The history of the divided kingdom has been divided into the time periods of different oppressors. Circle the prophets in this lesson & mark the decades of their activities using the timelines in the reference section/back cover.

Elijah comes to speak at a critical time in the history of the northern kingdom, Israel. From its origin in 930 B.C., Israel had been ruled by kings who refused to submit to God’s will. But in King Ahab, encouraged by his wife Jezebel (imported 850 pagan prophets), initiated an active campaign to wipe out the worship of Yahweh in Israel and replace it with worship of Baal. It was then that Elijah appeared, and demonstrated the power of the Lord first by drought then by defeating 450 prophets of Baal in a contest on Mount Carmel. The outcome was that the people of Israel, who had been wavering, affirmed that “the LORD, He is God!” (1 Kings 18:39). Every Man in the Bible

Elijah, Omri, Ahab: Relations with Aram and Phoenicia

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1 Kings 16:29-34 & 18:1-19 Ahab - The Evil King
How evil was Ahab as a ruler (30)?

Who did he marry (31)?

What was the impact of this marriage on his faithfulness to God (31)?

What was God's reaction to his behavior (32)?

Who was Obadiah (18:3-4,13)?

What did Ahab ask him to do (18:5-6)?

What was Obadiah's reaction to Elijah's request (18:7-12,14)?

How does Ahab describe Elijah (18:17)?

How had Ahab troubled the land (18:18)?

1 Kings 17-18 Elijah the Troubler Prophet
What did Elijah say to Ahab (1 Kgs 17:1)?

Where did Elijah then go, who feed him and how long did he stay (1 Kgs 17:5-7)?

Where did Elijah then go, who feed him and how long did he stay (1 Kgs 17:9-16, 18:1)?

How did Elijah help the widow (1 Kgs 17:21-24)?

What assurance did Elijah give Obadiah (1 Kgs 18:15)?

What did Elijah tell Ahab to arrange (1 Kgs 18:19)?

How could hanging out with worldly minded people impact your actions?

How could you be a troubler like Elijah?
How many prophets of Baal came to the contest (1 Kgs 18:22)?

How did the prophets of Baal fair in lighting the sacrifice via the power of Baal (18:26-29)?

What happened to the prophets of Baal (18:40)?

How many prophets of God were with Elijah (18:22)?
What did Elijah propose (1 Kgs 18:23-25)?

What did Elijah restore and why did he use 12 stones (18:30-31)?

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What was the purpose of the contest (36)?
Did the Lord light the sacrifice (38)?
How many times to Elijah pray for rain (18:42-44)?

What did Elijah tell Ahab to do after the contest (1 kgs 18:41-42)?

Why did Ahab have to rush back to Jezreel (18:44-45)?

What could the people not decide (1 Kgs 18:21)?

How much water did the people add to the altar built by Elijah (1 Kgs 18:33-35)?

What was the response of the people to the outcome of the contest (1 Kgs 18:39-40)?
OT HISTORY
Prophets and Kings

King
Ahab

Queen
Jezebel

Prophet
Elijah

How did Jezebel react to the defeat of the prophets of Baal (1 Kgs 19:1-2)?

Naboth’s Vineyard 1 Kings 21
Did Ahab make a reasonable offer for Naboth’s vineyard (21:2)?

Why did Naboth say no (21:3)?

How did Ahab react (21:4)?

How did Jezebel react (21:7)?

What did Jezebel command the nobles to do with Naboth and did it succeed (21:9-10)?

What did Ahab do after hearing of Naboth’s death (21:15-16)?

How did Ahab view Elijah (21:20)?

Did anyone compare to Ahab (21:25-26)?

How did Ahab respond to Elijah’s message (21:27)?

What happened to Ahab (1 Kgs 22:37-38)?

Where did Elijah flee (1 Kgs 19:3)?

How did Elijah feel about having to flee (1 Kgs 19:4,10)?

Where did Elijah then go (1 Kgs 19:7-8)?

How many in Israel were still faithful (19:18)?

Who did Elijah anoint (1 Kgs 19:15-16)?

Naboth’s Vineyard 1 Kings 21
What message did the Lord have Elijah deliver (1 Kgs 21:18-19)?

What was to be the fate of Ahab’s family (21:24)?

What was to happen to Jezebel (21:23, 2 Kgs 9:35-37)?

What mercy did the Lord show Ahab (21:28-29)?