

# *Elijah-God's Mountain Man*

## THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

*Week Fifteen*  
*The Story of Elijah*  
*I Kings 17*



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“Lord, do things we’re not used to.” (Ramesh Richard, a professor at Dallas Seminary)

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### Israel's Seven Evil Kings

#### Jeroboam

He was not a good king because he erected images of two golden calves, one at Dan in the north and one at Bethel in the south. And he said to his people,

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## *I Kings 17*

“These are your gods. You do not have to go down to Jerusalem to worship. Go to Dan in the north or to Bethel in the south and there offer your sacrifices to the true god of your nation.”

And so Jeroboam introduced idolatry into the nation, and he brought down upon his people the wrath of the Lord God.

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## *I Kings 17*

Nadab

I Kings 15:25-26

“Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and he reigned over Israel two years. He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin which he made Israel to sin.”

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## *I Kings 17*

Baasha

I Kings 15:33-34

“In the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah began to reign over all Israel at Tirzah, and he reigned twenty-four years. He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and walked in the way of Jeroboam and in his sin which he made Israel to sin.”

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## *I Kings 17*

Elah

I Kings 16:8

“In the twenty-sixth year of Asa king of Judah, Elah the son of Baasha began to reign over Israel in Tirzah, and he reigned two years”

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## *I Kings 17*

I Kings 16:13

“all the sins of Baasha and the sins of Elah his son, which they sinned and which they made Israel to sin, provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their idols.”



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## *I Kings 17*

Zimri

I Kings 16:15

<sup>15</sup> In the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, Zimri reign ed in Tirzah seven days

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## *I Kings 17*

Omri

I Kings 16:19

“because of the sins he had committed, doing evil in the eyes of the Lord, and walking in the ways of Jeroboam and the sin he had committed and caused Israel to commit”

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## *I Kings 17*

I Kings 16:25

“Omri did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and did more evil than all who were before him”

I Kings 16:28

“Omri slept with his fathers and was buried in Samaria, and Ahab his son reigned in his place”

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## *I Kings 17*

I Kings 16:30-33

Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD, more than all who were before him. And as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, he took for his wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal and worshiped him.

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## *I Kings 17*

He erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he built in Samaria. And Ahab made an Asherah. Ahab did more to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him”

# God Gave Them Up

## Romans 1

“God gave them up” (v. 24).

“God gave them up” (v. 26).

“God gave them up” (v. 28).

# God Gave Them Up

C.S. Lewis said that there are really only two prayers we can pray. Every prayer in the universe falls into one of two categories:

Your will be done, or My will be done.

BAM!



# BAM

## I Kings 17:1

Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.”

# Who was Elijah?

I Kings 17:1

1: He was one of the greatest prophets in the Old Testament..

2: Though he lived almost three thousand years ago, he speaks to us with amazing contemporary power

# Who was Elijah?

I Kings 17:1

3: We know almost nothing about his background

4. Elijah's name means "The Lord is my God"

5. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours

# Who was Elijah?

I Kings 17:1

James 5:17

<sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being, even as we are.

He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.

# Elijah's Secret

1. He believed in the Living God

2. He served the covenant God

3. He lived in the presence of God

4. He obeyed the call of God

5. He was a radical man

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## Points to Ponder

The will of God is not a **destination** it is a  
**journey**

**God's will is revealed to us **one** step at a time.**

Expect the Unexpected

Playing the “If Only Game” only leads to a  
miserable life

# An Old Old Hymn

Workman of God do not lose heart  
But learn what God is like

## Poem

I walked a mile with pleasure.

She chattered all the way,

But left me none the wiser

For all she had to say.

I walked a mile with sorrow

And ne'er a word said she.

But oh the things I learned from her

When sorrow walked with me.



## Job 10:23

<sup>10</sup> “But He knows the<sup>l</sup>way I take;  
*When* He has tried me, I shall come forth as  
gold.”