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BETWEEN TWO OPINIONS

INT: O. T. records 22 prophets; played major role in the rise, fall and restoration of Jewish nation

Lesson today is about the **5th** of six ORAL prophets
Literary: (16 others later WROTE 17 books of prophecy.)

LET ME DESCRIBE TODAY'S PROPHET TO YOU:

1. A Tishbite, or from northern Palestine: THIS BE.
2. Living in Gilead. E. of Jordan between 2 seas.
3. Called: "The grandest and most romantic character Israel ever produced." *Habibee of Beal*
4. Prophecied 34 years for God. 930 to 896 B.C.

I. LED ONE OF THE MOST DARING & EXCITING LIVES.

- 10 events*
- II. 17:1*)
1. Challenged King Ahab's idolatry. Drought.
 2. Hid at brook Cherith. Fed by ravens. 17:6.*
 3. Zarephath. Fed by widow's oil & meal. 17:14*
 4. Raised widow's son from dead.
 5. 3½ yrs. later. Contest at Mt. Carmel. Wins!
 6. Flees Jezebel. Horeb. Wilderness of Sinai.
 7. Rebuked King Ahab. Naboth's vineyard. Ch. 21.
 8. Challenged by Ahaziah's 50s. Burned up!
 9. Crossed Jordan on dry land. II Kings 2.
 10. Translated into Heaven at Mt. Nebo. HERO!!!

THE PROPHET'S NAME IS: ELIJAH.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE VILLAN: → KING AHAB.

1. **7th** of nineteen kings of Israel. Upper 10 tribes
2. Son of Omri, idolator, like Jereboam. *22 yrs.*
3. Worst king of them all. I Kings 16:29-33*.
4. Able and energetic warrior: defeated Moab, Syrians and Assyrians.
5. Wealthy and constructive: Built cities and his own ivory palace. I Kings 22:39.*
6. **Also** greedy and weak-minded. Followed Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal, idolatrous king of Sidon.

IV. CONTEST AT MT. CARMEL TO ELIMINATE ONE OF ISRAEL

BLACKEST SINS: Doubt of God and Indecision.

1. Elijah challenges 850 prophets of Jezebel. I Kings 18:17-22.*
2. Mt. Carmel: 100 mi. NW of Jer. 1,750 ft. high
3. Fire always a sign of a God's power. 23-25.
4. Baalites fretted all day: No fire. 26-29.
- *39. 5. God sent fire to devour Elijah's offering. 30-31
6. Elijah destroyed 850 false prophets. 40.

V. LESSON TO US: JESUS DOESN'T LIKE INDECISION EITHER

Matt. 7:13-14. 12:30. Jas. 1:6. Rev. 3:16.

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A. WHY HALT YE BETWEEN TWO OPINIONS ABOUT BIBLE???

1. Only two choices: Of divine or human origin
2. If human, only one of its kind. No equal!!!
3. If divine--then follow it ALL the way.
Ps. 119:105. Heb. 1:1-2. II Pet. 1:20-21*
My faith: II Tim. 3:16-17. I Thess. 4:7-8

B. WHY HALT YE BETWEEN TWO OPINIONS ABOUT JESUS???

1. Only two choices: Who said was or wasn't!!!
Matt. 16:13-19. Son! 22:42. David's son!
God's Son; and only Savior. John 14:6.
QUESTION: Luke 6:46. Faithful follower?????

C. WHY HALT YE BETWEEN TWO OPINIONS ABOUT CHURCH???

1. Only two choices: Divine or human. Which???
2. Eph. 4:4-6* Only one body. One Head.
3. Membership in it only way to heaven!!!!
Acts 2:38...39.* 41-42.* 46-47*. I Cor.
saved worshipping adding 15:24.

cells?
No!
3,000??

INT: GENUINE CHRISTIANS ARE THE HAPPIEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD NOW OR EVER, BECAUSE:

They have

1. Have settled heart on God. Heb. 11:6. Do.
2. Have settled mind on Bible. God-breathed!
Jas. 1:25.
3. Have settled heart on Jesus. Our everything!
4. Have settled on church! God's loving family!

ENJOY WORLD'S GREATEST JOY, PEACE & INNER HAPPINESS.

We have a

DEEP DESIRE: / TO SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH YOU!!!

True life of the Christian:

1. a burning zeal for lost souls.
2. Cong. with lives of evang. burning-grow!
3. Each one give something.
4. Question: what do without if I double it?
5. whatever the size, let it be a cheerful one.
Why? Lord loves a cheerful giver!