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Between Two Options

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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 (16 others later WROTE 17 books of prophecy.)

LET ME DESCRIBE TODAY'S PROPHET TO YOU:
1. A Tishbite, or from northern Palestine: THISBE.
2. Living in Gilead, E. of Jordan between 2 seas.
3. Called: "The grandest and most romantic character Israel ever produced."
4. Propheced 34 years for God. 930 to 896 B.C.

K. 17:1*)
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!
8. Challenged by Ahaziah's 50s. Burned up!
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 tribe.
2. Son of Omri, idolater, like Jeroboam. 22 yrs.
3. Worst king of them all. I Kings 16: 29-33*
4. Able and energetic warrior: defeated Moab, Syrians and Assyrians.
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.
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.
5. God sent fire to devour Elijah's offering. 30-39.

V. LESSON TO US: JESUS DOESN'T LIKE INDECISION ETC.
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A. WHY HALT YE BETWEEN TWO OPINIONS ABOUT THE 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.

B. WHY HALT YE BETWEEN TWO OPINIONS ABOUT JESUS?
1. Only two choices: What said was or wasn't?

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

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

True life of the Christian:
1. A burning zeal for lost souls.
2. Sing with glads & every burning zeal.
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? God loves a cheerful giver!