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## Elijah, A Study In Faith

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Character Study #17

ELIJAH - a study in Faith. 2 Faith.  
I Kings 17, 18, 19. Character #16

900 B.C.

BOORUM & PEASE "NOIEAR" INT:

"The grandest and most romantic character that Israel ever produced!" Scholar's estimate.  
A Tishbite from Gilead, long hair below shoulders, clothes in skin of animal, cape of sheepskin.  
God's antagonist against protagonists Ahab, Jezebel.

I. FIVE GREAT EVENTS IN THE PROPHET'S LIFE. (5 prepos.)

1. BEFORE AHAB. 17:1. Bold speaker, faith in God.
  - a. Predicted drought as punishment—Jezebel, Baal.
2. BY CHERITH. 17:2-7. Haven of safety. God's plan.
  - a. Bread & flesh twice daily brought by Raven. FAITH.
3. AT ZARE-PHATH. Phoenician city between Tyre & Sidon
  - a. Fed by widow. Meal & oil. 14.
  - b. Raised widow's son. 17-24. Takes great Faith!!!
4. ON MOUNT CARMEL. 18. Supreme test of Elijah's faith
  - a. Obadiah, governor, took Ahab the message. 1-16.
  - b. Elijah accused of trouble-making. 17. Visa versa
  - c. Elijah challenges Ahab. At Mt. Carmel. 19-20
  - d. Elijah challenges Israel. V. 21-24.
  - e. Elijah challenges 850 false prophets. 25-29.
  - f. The sacrifices prepared. Results. 30-38.
  - g. Elijah's faith vindicated. Israel impressed. 39
  - h. 850 prophets slain at brook Kishon. 40.
5. IN THE WILDERNESS. His failing faith & revival. 19
  - a. Jezebel threatens Elijah's life. 1-3.
  - b. Elijah begs for death and is strengthened. Angel 9-18.
  - c. Elijah returns and serves the Lord well. Ch. 21.

CONCLUSION: Elijah's faith served him well.

Elijah is translated into Heaven. II K. 2:11.  
Elijah talks with the King of Kings. Matt. 17:3.

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We too will talk with Jesus someday. Heb. 9:27. M. 25.

LESSONS FOR US: FAITH STRONG?

Halting between two opinions diseasterous. B-R-C-B

Worldly pressures pull Christians away at times.  
R-P

Identify as soon as satisfied have found a proper church home.

GOD'S LONELY MAN - ELIJAH

James 5:16-20

TNT:

\* In I K. 17:1 strange character suddenly springs into Bible spotlight. Elijah the Tishbite of Gilead. In next 8 chapters God puts His stamp of approval on this prophet 8 times. Man of iron-faith & courage-LONELY!! Thrilling story of God's Reformer, Rebuker, Restorer and Reawakener at work reviving true worship, justice & rig

*8 miracles*

I. EIGHT GREAT WONDERS ENCOURAGE & SUSTAIN THIS LONELY MAN.

1. Three-year drought imposed on Ahab for sin. I K. 17:1.
  - a. Cause: Unbelievable sin. 16:29-33.\*  
Wife, idol, alter and grove. Elijah alone against!!
2. Food and Drink furnished at Cherith. 17:2-7. Solitude!  
*380 species of birds. RAVENS. V.(7)*
3. Meal and Oil at Zarephath. 17:8-16. Running miracle!!  
*(SEREPTA) "A FULL YEAR".*
4. Widow's Son resurrected to life. Prayer 17:17-24. V(24)
5. Contest on Mt. Carmel. Grand victory! 18:1-39. Only I!  
*3RD YR. (OBADIAH)*
6. Elijah also challenged Ahaziah.\*II Kings 1:1-19. Fire!  
*alone + God*
7. Jordan river parted by a stroke. II Kings 2:1-8.
8. Whirlwind sweeps the Prophet to Heaven. II K. 2:9-11.  
*at Jericho*

IK:19:

→ LONELY. V. 4. AND V. 10, 14, 18.

*7 nerves of steel.*

INV:

ELIJAH most noted as a man of IRON-COURAGE, based on faith in God. Stumbled once! Recovered. ~~19:11, 18.~~

God needs men like Elijah today. Hope our boys aspire to be like Elijah, John Baptist.

TONIGHT God needs men and women, boys and girls with the courage to STEP FORWARD for God.

Mark 16:15-16. I John 1:9. Identify.

~~all.~~ If not a Chr.

If not a faithful Chr.

A REQUEST: Write reason (excuse) on piece of paper to give to God. He accept it? not now.