

**1 Kings 18:41 - 19:21**  
**Elijah and the Queen**  
**Lesson 14**

Elijah and the people of Israel had just experienced God on top of Mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal had met their deaths in the Kishon Valley below. At the time Kings was written, the original audience understood this story in ways we do not. The most important information they understood was that Baal was a fertility god who supposedly controlled the rain. He was often pictured riding a bull and carrying a lightning bolt in his hand. When the Lord stopped the rain for 3 ½ years at Elijah's command, He was showing that it was God, not Baal who was the true God. When He sent fire from heaven to consume the sacrifice He proved again that He was God. The story continues with God's final and overwhelming evidence to Ahab and the people of Israel that He and He alone is the one true God.

**God's Final Evidence - Chapter 18**

1. Following the day long showdown with the prophets of Baal, Elijah told Ahab to go home and celebrate -- why? (vs. 41)
  
2. After speaking with Ahab, what did Elijah do? (vs. 42)
  
3. Elijah had taken his servant with him. What did he ask of his servant? (vs. 43)
  
4. After obeying Elijah seven times, what information did the servant finally give Elijah? (vs. 44b)
  
5. Elijah sent the servant to Ahab -- why? (vs. 44)
  
6. God gave Ahab one final display of His awesome power to show that it is God not Baal who is the true God. What did God do? (vs. 45, 46)

**Elijah Fled For His Life – Chapter 19**

7. Ahab, with the day's events still vivid in his mind, told his wife Jezebel everything that Elijah had done. How did she take the news? (vs. 1, 2)
  
8. Take a moment to review what we've been told about Elijah up to this point.
  - 17:5, 6
  
  - 17:9, 15
  
  - 17:22
  
  - 18:37, 38
  
  - 18:45, 46
  
9. After reading about Elijah's amazing life, verse 3 seems out of character. What does it say?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Who was he afraid of? (1 Kings 19:2) Comment.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. Elijah had just gone through a very intense testing at Mount Carmel. And though he was victorious in the challenge, he was emotionally and physically drained. How did God provide for the immediate needs of His servant Elijah? (vs. 5, 6)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. After providing for his initial needs, the angel of the Lord came a second time; why? (vs. 7)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. Elijah did as the angel of the Lord said. What did Elijah do next? (vs. 8 & 9)

**Elijah and the Lord**

14. Elijah had journeyed to Mount Horeb (also known as Mt. Sinai). Who else had been there? (Exodus 3:1)

15. Why was it called the Mountain of God? (Exodus 3:2-6 & 3:12)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
16. Elijah slept that night in a cave on Mt. Horeb. What happened at that cave before? (Exodus 33:21-23)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
17. After resting for the night, the Lord came to him again and asked what he was doing on Mt. Horeb. How did Elijah answer the question? (vs. 10)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
18. What do you think Elijah was saying “between the lines” to the Lord?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
19. Who else felt that way but was more open in expressing his feelings about it to the Lord? (Numbers 11:10-15)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
20. What did God tell Elijah He was about to do? Please comment. (vs. 11a)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
21. In what form did God not reveal Himself? Please comment. (vs. 11 & 12)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
22. What form did God choose and how did Elijah respond to that? (vs. 12 & 13)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
23. The Lord asked Elijah a second time what he was doing on Mt. Horeb. What does that imply to you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
24. What was Elijah’s answer to God’s second inquiry? (vs. 14)

25. God then gave Elijah a mission. What was Elijah to do next? (vs. 15 & 16)
  
26. God told Elijah that anyone who escaped Hazeal's sword would be killed by Jehu's. If they escaped Jehu's sword then Elisha would put them to death. What do you think God was telling Elijah? (vs. 17)
  
27. In the text, it seems almost an after thought that God answered Elijah's statement, "He is the only zealous follower of the Lord left in Israel." What fact did God give to Elijah? (vs. 18)

### **Elijah & Elisha**

28. Elijah obeyed the Lord's command. Where did he find Elisha and what does that indicate his occupation was? (vs. 19)
  
29. Elijah threw his cloak around Elisha as a sign of passing the mantle. How did Elisha respond to Elijah's surprise visit and action? (vs. 20)
  
30. How serious was Elisha when he said he would go with Elijah? (vs. 21)

The lives of Elijah and Moses closely parallel each other in many ways. At the conclusion of chapter 19 we read that Elijah was to mentor his successor who had been chosen by God just as Moses had mentored Joshua, his God-chosen successor.

### **For further reflection**

31. Spend some time thinking about God's prophet Elijah. What stood out to you the most in the life of Elijah?