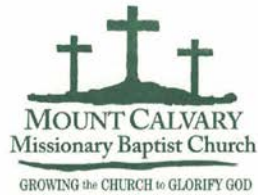


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Elijah Prophecy and Prayer

Elijah prophesied during the time there was an extreme drought in the land of Israel, and God's people had turned away from God's commandments. God caused this great drought to get Israel's attention; they had forgotten their true God. Israel was worshipping false gods, so there was a spiritual drought with the people of God.

Elijah's name means: God is salvation.

Elijah prayed for the people

I King 18: 37 – 40

A. Elijah prayed to God for the people.

- I. Elijah's prayer had two elements. First, he prayed that the Lord would demonstrate clearly to the people that He alone is the living God.
- II. Second, he prayed for the full revival of God's people. The first prayer would be answered in a dramatic manner (ver. 37)
- III. Showing who really was the god of storm, Baal proved impotent, while the fire of the Lord destroyed everything on site (ver.38).
- IV. God's power over fire, water, and rain demonstrated that He, not Baal, is the Lord, He is God! (Ver. 39)
- V. Elijah was determined to execute all of the prophets of Baal.
- VI. The prophets were executed because of their blatant sin and the ruin they had brought upon the nation (ver.40).

Conclusion: Elijah wanted the people to understand that God will hear them, when they turn from their wicked ways. We must also remember that when we turn to God, He will turn to us. God is waiting to bless us. We can begin to thank Him now for his blessing.

Next week lesson: Elijah prayed for rain I Kings 18:41 - 46