

Choosing who you follow

1 Kings 18:1-21 (Mt. Carmel part 1)

- I. Elijah and God: God asked Elijah to courageously confront King Ahab (1 Kings 18:1-6).
 - A. God had a plan: God sent Elijah to Ahab, promising Elijah the 3 year drought was about to end (1).
 - B. God was at work during the drought (2-6)
 - God's protection: Queen Jezebel was killing God's prophets but godly Obadiah hid 100 of them and gave them supplies (2-4).
 - Ahab's desperation: Ahab was desperate for grass to feed the royal horses and mules (5-6).
- II. Elijah and Obadiah: Elijah asked Obadiah to courageously contact Ahab (1 Kings 18:7-15).
 - A. Obadiah was frustrated that Elijah was absent while he was trying to save the other prophets (7-13).
 - B. Obadiah was afraid to tell Ahab that Elijah wanted to meet, but Elijah promised to show up (14-15).
- III. Elijah and Ahab: Elijah challenged Ahab to meet him at Mt. Carmel (1 Kings 18:16-19).
 - A. Blame: Ahab blamed Elijah for the drought, but Elijah replied that Ahab's sin was the cause (16-18)
 - B. Showdown: Elijah challenged Ahab to call the people and the false prophets to Mt. Carmel (19).
- IV. Elijah and the Israelites: The people must choose who they will follow (1 Kings 18:20-21).