

Fire On The Mountain

1 Kings 18

Introduction Israel and state of wickedness

Ahab and Jezebel

Elijah no rain / the widow at Zaraphath

3 years of no rain

Chapter 18:1-20

1. God tells Elijah to return to Samaria and He will send the rain
2. Obadiah seeks Elijah
3. Elijah confront Ahab
4. Mt. Carmel

Verses 21-24 The Bottom Line

1. 7 sayings of Elijah
2. How long will you be between two opinions
3. Either Yahweh is God or Baal is God
4. I will meet you on Mt. Carmel
5. Send 450 prophets of Baal
6. Take two bullocks
7. You call on Baal and I will call on Yahweh

Verses 25-29 The Baal Cry

1. From morning to noon they cried
2. They leaped on the altar
3. There was no answer
4. Verse 27 Elijah mocked (Cry louder / He talking to someone else / maybe he is busy / maybe he is on a trip / maybe he is asleep)
5. Then they cut themselves / blood gushed out everywhere
6. They prophesied all day till 3pm and there was no answer

Verses 30-35 The Built Altar

1. He gathered the people
2. He restored the altar of the Lord that had been broken down
3. 12 stones not made by man's hands
4. He dug a trench
5. He laid the wood and prepared the bullock
6. Barrels of water and drench the altar 3 times
7. Water filled the trench.

Verse 36-39 The Bold Prayer

1. At 3pm.
2. Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel.
3. Let it be known this day You are God.
4. I am Your servant.
5. I have obeyed Your word.
6. Then the fire of the Lord fell.
7. Deuteronomy 4:24 For the Lord is a consuming fire.
8. Deuteronomy 9:3 The consuming fire goes before you.
9. Hebrews 12:28-29 We are in a kingdom that cannot be moved, therefore serve with fear. For our God is a consuming fire.
10. The fire fell on wet wood.
11. When the people saw they said Yahweh is God, Yahweh is God.

Verse 40 The Baal Prophets

1. Kill them all.
2. Let not one escape.

What do we learn about God?

1. It comes down to the simple fact: Yahweh is God.
2. God is a consuming fire not bound by wet wood.
3. His glory matters above all else and He shows Himself to the unbeliever.
4. Revelation tells us that the fire will fall again to judge an unbelieving world.

What do we learn about ourselves?

1. Like Elijah, we speak for the living God even when we stand alone.
2. Like Elijah we have to restore the old altar and prepare the ground for God to fall.
3. Like Elijah when we obey God, we can speak directly and boldly do God.
4. Like Elijah, it is about bringing the power of God to a pathetic human race.
5. The world is begging for an answer from other sources that will never match the response of God.