

Lesson 8
Ahab Reigns Over Israel – Part 1
(1 Kings 16:29 – 19:21)

Questions

1. What kind of king was Ahab and how long did he reign (1 K. 16:29-33)?

2. What happened in Jericho at this time (1 K. 16:34)?

3. What did Elijah tell Ahab and how was Elijah cared for at this time (1 K. 17:1-7)?

4. What did Elijah do for the widow of Zarephath regarding her meal and oil (1 K. 17:8-16)?

5. What did Elijah do for the same widow regarding her son (1 K. 17:17-24)?

6. What kind of man was Obadiah and what did Ahab tell him to do (1 K. 18:1-6)?

7. What did Elijah tell Obadiah to do and why was Obadiah hesitant to do it (1 K. 18:7-15)?

8. How did Elijah describe Ahab and what did Elijah tell Ahab to do (1 K. 18:16-19)?

9. What choice did Elijah give the people (1 K. 18:20-21)?

10. What challenge or contest did Elijah give the people (1 K, 18:22-24)?

11. What was the outcome of this contest (1 K. 18:25-40)?
12. What did Elijah tell Ahab to do and why (1 K. 18:41-46)?
13. What did Jezebel tell Elijah through a messenger and how did he react (1 K. 19:1-7)?
14. What did the Lord ask Elijah twice when he was on mount Horeb and what did the Lord show Elijah there (1 K. 19:9-14)?
15. What did the Lord tell Elijah to do and what assurance did the Lord give him concerning the faithful in Israel (1 K. 19:15-18)?
16. What did Elijah do to Elisha and how did Elisha respond (1 K. 19:19-21)?

Digging Deeper

1. What are the approximate dates for Ahab's reign over Israel (1 K. 16:29 – 19:21)?
2. What are the Baalim and the Asherah (1 K. 16:32-33)?
3. Where in the OT are we told that the man who tried to rebuild Jericho would be cursed (1 K. 16:34)?
4. What are the approximate dates of Elijah's prophetic ministry (1 Kings 17 – 2 Kings 2)?

5. Where in the OT are we told that a drought would be one of the curses or punishments from God for the people's sin (1 K. 17:1)? Where earlier in 1 Kings did Solomon mention drought as a punishment for the people?
6. Where in the NT are we told about Elijah, the drought, and his prayers (1 K. 17:1-7; 18:1)? Where in the NT are we told about Elijah and the widow of Zarephath (1 K. 17:8-24)?
7. Where in the OT are we told about an earthquake and fire at Horeb (1 K. 19:11-12; see also Heb. 12:18)?
8. When did Elijah anoint Hazael, Jehu, and Elisha, and when did the slaying take place (1 K. 19:15-17)? Do we have a record of this in the OT?
9. Where in the NT did Paul make reference to the Lord's word to Elisha at Horeb (1 K. 19:9-18)?
10. Locate the following on a map: Gilead (1 K. 17:1); Zarephath (1 K. 17:9); Mount Carmel (1 K. 18:19); the brook Kidron (1 K. 18:40); Beer-sheba (1 K. 19:3); Horeb the mount of God (1 K. 19:8); and Abel-meholah (1 K. 19:16).

Applications for Today

1. Some people are just determined to sin more than others (1 K. 16:30, 33; 2 Tim. 3:13).
2. You do not want to provoke the Lord to anger by sinning (1 K. 16:33; Psa. 78:58; 106:29).
3. God's word will always come true even after many years (1 K. 16:34; Josh. 6:26; 1 Pet. 1:25).
4. God will punish sin (1 K. 17:1; Lk. 4:25; Jas. 5:17).

5. Faith acts and does what God wants (1 K. 17:15; 1 Thess. 1:3; 2 Thess. 1:11; Jas. 2:17, 24, 26).
6. God is not just a God of the Jews, but also a God of the Gentiles (1 K. 17:17-24; Lk. 4:26).
7. Be a person of prayer like Elijah (1 K. 17:20-21; 18:36-37; 19:4; 1 Thess. 5:17; Jas. 5:17-18)
8. Evil people don't want to hear the truth and what is right. Remember to fear that Lord and stand up for what is right and protect it in the face of evil (1 K. 18:4, 13; Eph. 6:14; Phil. 1:27; Jude 3).
9. Teach your children to fear God from their youth on up (1 K. 18:12; Psa. 71:17; Eccl. 12:1; Mk. 10:20).
10. Preaching truth does not bring trouble. What brings trouble is sin. Sin brings trouble to ourselves and to those around us (1 K. 18:17-18; Acts 15:24; 17:8; Heb. 12:15).
11. Let us not be a lukewarm compromiser who tries to follow God and follow the world at the same time (1 K. 18:21; Mt. 6:24).
12. There is one, true God and we need to make up our minds to follow him and him alone (1 K. 18:20-40; 1 Cor. 8:6; Eph. 4:4-6).
13. When people are misled by false ideas, they will do foolish things and even hurt themselves (1 K. 18:25-29; 2 Tim. 3:13).
14. It is important to try and bring God's people back to the proper religion and the proper God through repair, reformation, and restoration (1 K. 18:30, 36-37, 39; 2 Chron. 33:16; Isa. 58:12).
15. We do no one any good when we get so discouraged with life that we want to take our own life. When times are hard, live on, don't quit (1 K. 19:1-7; 2 Cor. 4:7-15).
16. Like Elijah, we need to be zealous and jealous for God's righteous cause (1 K. 19:10, 14; 2 Cor. 11:2).
17. The Lord's question "What are you doing here?" shows that we do not need to run away and abandon our responsibility to do what is right (1 K. 19:9-14; Mt. 25:24-30; Lk. 16:2).
18. Even in terrible times, there will always be those people who are faithful to the Lord. Will you be among that faithful remnant (1 K. 19:18; Rom. 11:1-5)?

19. There is a need to prepare the next generation to serve the Lord after we are gone (1 K. 19:19-21; 2 Tim. 2:1-2).

20. Be willing to make a clean and clear break from your past in pursuit of your future service to the Lord (1 K. 19:21; Lk. 9:62; Acts 19:18-19).