

## A Light in the Darkness

### 1 Kings 16:29 – 17:1

<sup>29</sup> In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab the son of Omri began to reign over Israel, and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years. <sup>30</sup> And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD, more than all who were before him. <sup>31</sup> And as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, he took for his wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal and worshiped him. <sup>32</sup> He erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he built in Samaria. <sup>33</sup> And Ahab made an Asherah. Ahab did more to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him. <sup>34</sup> In his days Hiel of Bethel built Jericho. He laid its foundation at the cost of Abiram his firstborn, and set up its gates at the cost of his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which he spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.

**17** Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe<sup>[a]</sup> in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word."

As we begin this study there are a few questions we have to answer that will really open up the significance of Elijah's ministry.

1. What is a prophet?

2. What has led to Elijah's appearance?

#### **Kings of the northern kingdom of Israel**

Jereboam (22 years) – 1 Kings 14:9

Nadab (2 years) – 1 Kings 15:26

Baasha (24 years) – 1 Kings 15:34

Elah (2 years) – 1 Kings 16:9

Zimri (very short time) – 1 Kings 16:19

Omri (12 years) – 1 Kings 16:25-26

Ahab (22 years) – 1 Kings 16:29-33

3. Who is Elijah?

So what? What does this mean? We must:

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE GOD OF HOSTS

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### HOMEWORK

Read the history of the northern tribes of Israel in 1 Kings 12-16. Then read and study the life and ministry of Elijah beginning in 1 Kings 17.