

2 Kings 18:16-46

Backstory

V16 “So Obadiah (who was over the household of Ahab v3) went to meet Ahab (king of Israel the northern kingdom) and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah.”

Elijah was hiding amongst Jezebel’s people in the country of Sidon according to 1 Kings ch 16 verse 31. For 3 years the land had seen no rain. Think about this “the famine was **severe** in Samaria” v2. You don’t have to know much about agriculture to know that without rain plants won’t grow. And this was before they could store and process things like we do today. And Elijah seemed to be the cause of it all, although he was really just a messenger and God’s instrument.

Elijah had prophesied at the beginning of chapter 17 that “there shall be neither dew nor rain these years except by my word.” So after three years the nation of Israel had to be crippled economically, physically, and mentally. The people were anguished no doubt.

Our Text

V17 Ahab accuses Elijah for the calamity of the nation “you troubler of Israel”

The church is to blame.

V18 Elijah identifies the real problem. The sin of Ahab and his father’s house

V19-20 The people of Israel and the prophets of Baal and Asherah are summoned to Mount Carmel

V21-24 Elijah addresses the people

V25 Elijah address the prophets of Baal

V26-29 The prophets of Baal do sacrifice, cry, and rave from morning till the time of the evening sacrifice

Subdivisions to be added

V30-37 Elijah prepares the sacrifice and prays

V38 The Lord answers by fire

V39 The people respond

V40 Elijah slays the prophets of Baal

V41-46 Elijah prophecies Rain

James 5:17-18

Genesis 32:28; 35:10

Acts 2

May not go through all these