

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER // 1 Kings 16 v.29 – 17 v.24

questions based on 1 Kings 16 v.29 – 17 v.1

1. Elijah appears in the Old Testament about 900 years before Christ. Ancient Israel has been divided into two kingdoms, and King Ahab is ruler of the larger northern kingdom. During his reign, Ahab fortified a number of his cities, formed profitable trade agreements with surrounding nations, and had some success in military campaigns... but what aspect of Ahab's reign is highlighted in these sentences & why do you think this is so?
2. The false god Baal was associated with weather and fertility. Baal worshippers believed that if they appeased him, typically through cult prostitution, he would send good weather and their crops would flourish.

Elijah brings Ahab a message from the "LORD" (God's name as revealed in his covenant with Israel). As he speaks, what do we learn about:

- Elijah's convictions about God?
 - Elijah's understanding about himself?
3. Look up **Deuteronomy 11 v.16-17**. By what authority could Elijah speak to Ahab like this?

4. When Elijah promises the Baal-worshipping King Ahab that there will be no rain, what spiritual contest does he announce?
5. Look up **James 5 v.17**. What insight does this give us into Elijah's faith and passion?

questions based on 1 Kings 17 v.2-24

6. God sends Elijah next to the region of Sidon, the homeland of Jezebel, who is known for her devotion to Baal and promoting Baal idolatry in Israel. Seems mad! But...
 - what does God reveal about himself in Sidon, by providing food for Elijah, the widow and her son?
 - what does God reveal about himself by raising the widow's son to life again?
7. How does the living God compare with Baal?
8. So... what do you think God is doing in this episode of Elijah's experience?