



Introduction

Elijah challenges the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel.



Questions

1. How does Elijah say that Ahab has troubled Israel?
2. How does Elijah suggest they should determine who should be their God?
3. What do the people and Elijah say when they see the fire come down from the LORD?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 15** The LORD tells Elijah to see king Ahab and promises rain. Elijah meets Obadiah and asks him to tell Ahab that he is here
- **v 16 to 29** Ahab comes to meet Elijah who tells him to gather the prophets of Baal to Mount Carmel (see map). He challenges Baal's prophets to call for fire. Their frenzied pleas and self-mutilation go unanswered all day
- **v 30 to 39** Elijah repairs the LORD's altar and carefully prepares his sacrifice. The LORD sends fire in response to Elijah's prayer (see theme) which convinces the people that he is the only true God
- **v 40 to 46** Elijah commands the people to seize all the prophets of Baal, and he kills them. Elijah gets his servant to look for signs of rain coming. He then warns Ahab to go back to Jezreel before the rain storm

Timeline 970 BC (see below)



Theme / Information

God listens to prayer

A selection of verses about God listening to prayer.

Several Psalms tell us that God will hear our prayers:

Psalms 65 verse 2, 86 verse 7

Through the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah, God says he hears prayer:

Isaiah 65 verse 24

Jeremiah 29 verses 12 and 13

Jesus tells us that requests are only responded to if his words remain in us:

John 15 verse 7

God hears the prayer of Cornelius:

Acts 10 verse 31

The apostle John tells us that God responds to requests that are according to his will:

1 John 5 verse 14



Israel in the time of the kings

Map showing some places mentioned in the time of the kings of Israel including Mount Carmel. A question mark after a place name indicates that the exact location is not certain:



? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 18, Q 2: v 24, Q 3: v 39 and 40



Bible timeline

