



**Make sure your name and address are written here.**

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Class Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Bible version used to complete lesson: \_\_\_\_\_

Level 4 Bible Studies

# bibletime

www.besweb.com

## STUDY 1: Elijah

*God's Punishment*



**READ:**  
1 Kings 16: 29-33  
17: 1-7



**KEY VERSE:**  
1 Kings 17: 5



*Suggested Further Reading:*  
• Deuteronomy 7: 1-6 • Ecclesiastes 4: 13

In these verses, we are introduced to Ahab, the seventh king of Israel, who reigned for 22 years. He was Israel's most wicked king ever! This is summed up in verses 30 and 33 of chapter 16.

**Q: What do these verses tell us about him?**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

/2

One of his biggest mistakes was his marriage to a wicked heathen princess.

**Q: Who was she?**

\_\_\_\_\_

/1

This resulted in him turning away from the true God of Israel.

**Q: According to verse 32, what did this lead him to do?**

\_\_\_\_\_

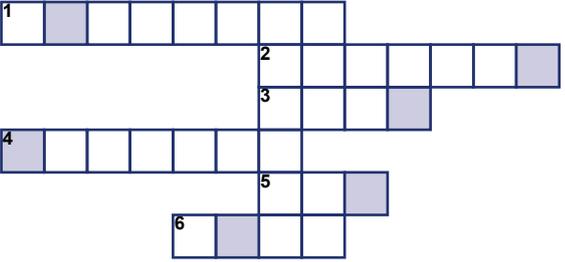
/1

The worship of idols became widespread throughout Israel. The whole nation turned its back on God to serve and worship Baal, the goddess Asherah (Ashtoreth) and other false gods.

**Q: WORD GRID**

**Clues Across**

1. A previous king, son of Nebat.
2. Ahab's father-in-law.
3. Ahab's father.
4. Ahab's wife.
5. The King of Judah at this time.
6. Jezebel's husband.



/5

level 4

Then, suddenly, a new character appears on the scene. You will find his name hidden in the Word Grid on the previous page.

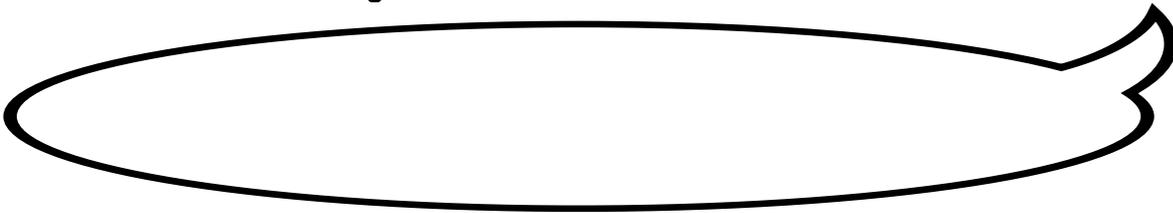
**Q: Take the letters from the shaded squares in each line to reveal the name of this courageous prophet of God.**

Write his name here.

/1

He came from the highlands of Gilead, across the River Jordan. He stood before the corrupt king, in the splendour of his court, with a message from God.

**Q: What was the message?**



/2

You may wonder why God was going to withhold rain. We know from Deuteronomy 11 that this was a way which God would use to punish His people for disobeying His Word.

**Q: Read Deuteronomy 11: 16 & 17, and sum up IN YOUR OWN WORDS what God was saying to them.**

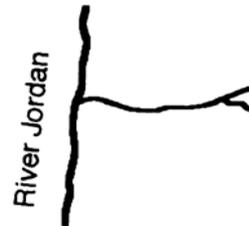
/2

Following God's directions, Elijah then escaped back across the river, to hide by a brook.

**Q: What was the name of this brook?**

/1

This would provide him with the fresh water he needed to drink during the coming drought, but what about food? God promised to provide Elijah with all he needed.



**Q: How was Elijah fed and with what?**

/1

**Q: How often each day did they bring him food?**

/1

**Q: Write out from the Key Verse, the words which tell us that Elijah obeyed God.**

/1

The name 'Elijah' means 'Jehovah is my God'.

**'JEHOVAH' is the name for the one true God.**

**Q: Why is Elijah a suitable name for this prophet?**

/2

TOTAL:

Name:

## STUDY 2: Elijah

### God's Provision



**READ:**  
1 Kings 17: 7-24

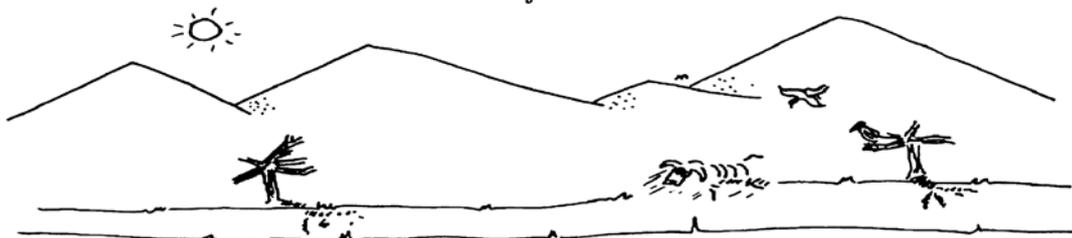


**KEY VERSE:**  
1 Kings 17: 24



*Suggested Further Reading:* • Matthew 6: 31-34  
• Hebrews 11: 32-35 • James 5: 16-18

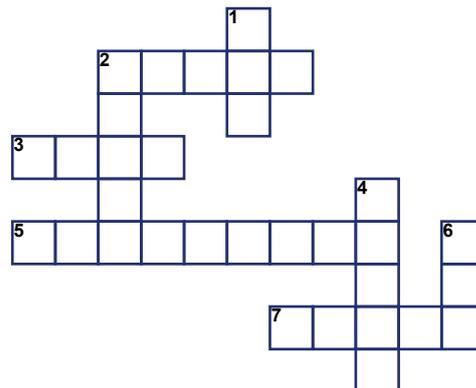
The land was now in the grip of the drought which Elijah had announced. Famine was sure to follow! As the days and weeks passed, Elijah's brook finally dried up. God had directed him to this quiet, desolate spot in the first place, and had fed him in a miraculous way. Now Elijah waited for God to tell him what to do next. The Lord did not let Elijah down.



### Q: CROSSWORD

You will find the clues in the story below.

The Lord told Elijah to go to the town of (5 across) where He had commanded a (2 across) to feed him. When he came to the (3 across) of the town, a (2 across) was there gathering sticks. He asked her to bring him a drink of (2 down). Then, as she was going to get it, he also asked her for some (7 across).

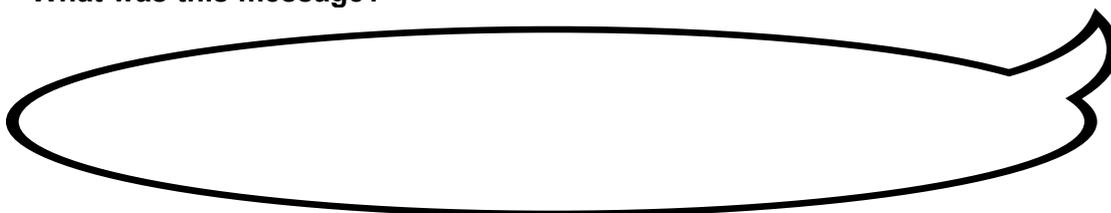


/8

Some time later, the woman's (1 down) was taken ill and died. Elijah took him upstairs to his room and laid him on his own (6 down). He stretched himself out on the little boy (4 down) times and prayed to God.

Two miracles are recorded in these verses. The **first miracle** is summed up in the message which the Lord, the God of Israel, gave Elijah to pass on to the woman (see verse 14).

### Q: What was this message?



/2

In this way, God provided for Elijah, the widow and her son. He also provided Elijah with a place to stay.

### Q: Where did Elijah live during this time?

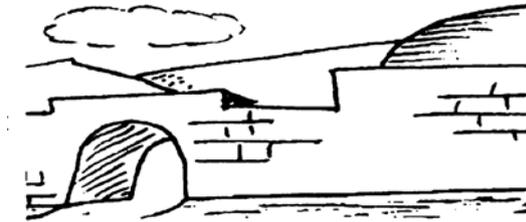
/1

On that first day, when Elijah came to her town, he told her that she was to do something BEFORE she prepared some food for herself and her son.

**Q: What was it the widow had to do first?**

/1

This sounds easy enough to do, until we think a little more about it. If Elijah's words did not come true then she would be in an even more desperate position than she was before. In doing what Elijah asked, she showed her faith in God and in Elijah as His prophet.



One day her son became ill and eventually died. In her grief and anguish, the widow blamed Elijah for her son's death. He, of course, was not to blame but, in response to the boy's tragic death, Elijah prayed to God. His prayer is in two parts. The first part, before he stretches himself out on the boy, is in the form of a question.

**Q: Write it out.**

/2

The second part, after he stretches himself out on the boy, is in the form of a request.

**Q: What was it?**

/2

This **second miracle** was performed in response to Elijah's prayer.

**Q: Write out the words from the Bible Reading which tell us that God answered Elijah's prayer.**

/2

In our Key Verse, the widow declares her faith in God and in His prophet, Elijah.

**Q: Write it out.**

/1

God had done both for her and Elijah, the very things He had promised! To us He promises eternal life when we believe on the Lord Jesus. Surely He deserves our complete trust.

**Q: Write out His promise in John 3: 15.**

/1

**TOTAL:**

Name:

## STUDY 3: Elijah

*God's Power*



**READ:**  
1 Kings 18: 1-46



**KEY VERSES:**  
James 5: 17-18



*Suggested Further Reading:* • Joshua 24: 15 • Isaiah 45: 21 and 22 • Hebrews 12: 29

After many months Elijah was told by the Lord that the drought was about to end and he was instructed to present himself again to King Ahab.

**Q: How long exactly did the drought last? (Look at the Key Verses)**  /1

Along the way, Elijah met Obadiah, the master of the royal household and a devout believer in the Lord. It must have been difficult for Obadiah at times, being faithful to the Lord and being a senior member of the palace staff. Obadiah told Elijah that Ahab had hunted everywhere for him.

Later that same day, Elijah met Ahab. Ahab greeted Elijah with the words, "Is that you, you troubler of Israel?" Elijah wasn't having that! He told the king that it was he and his family who had caused the trouble in Israel.

**Q: In what ways did Elijah say Ahab and his family had troubled Israel?**  /2

We also learn a little more about the wicked Queen Jezebel in this chapter. Not only did she promote the worship of many false gods, but she actually supported 850 false prophets. Worst of all, she had murdered many prophets of the Lord. (See verses 13 and 19)

**Q: In this study many numbers are mentioned. Say in which verse each of the following appears and what each number is referring to.**

Number	Verse	What it refers to...
4		
7		
12		
100		
450		

/5

Elijah told King Ahab to gather together all the people of Israel, and also all the false prophets, at Mount Carmel. When all were assembled, Elijah addressed the huge crowd.

**Q: Write out his opening words from verse 21.**  /1

Everyone was silent! Elijah then proposed a 'contest' between himself and the 850 prophets, which really meant between God and Baal. From morning until early evening, the prophets of Baal leapt around their altar and slashed themselves with knives and spears, crying out to their god. But there was no answer! Then Elijah stepped forward. Now it was his turn. Elijah rebuilt an old altar to the Lord.

**Q: Describe briefly IN YOUR OWN WORDS all the preparations he made before he prayed.**

/1

When Elijah prayed to God, the Lord displayed His great power by sending fire from Heaven.

**Q: What did the fire of the Lord do?**

/1

When all the people saw this, they fell on their faces to the ground.

**Q: Circle the answers to the following clues in the WORD SEARCH. Then taking the unused letters in order, from left to right, working from the top down, you will find the words the people cried out. Write them in the box below.**

1. The famine was at its worst in this place.
2. The mountain on which the 'contest' took place.
3. The prophets of Baal were put to death here.
4. Elijah put his face between his k\_ \_ \_ \_ .
5. Ahab left the mountain in this.
6. The little cloud that first appeared was the size of this. (Two words)
7. Ahab rode and Elijah ran to this place.

T	D	N	A	H	M	J
K	O	T	H	A	E	L
N	I	I	N	Z	E	E
E	L	S	R	O	R	M
E	D	E	H	A	H	R
S	E	E	I	O	H	A
L	S	G	O	D	N	C
S	A	M	A	R	I	A

/7

**Q: What did the people cry out in verse 39?**

/1

It was a memorable day for Israel! They saw how foolishly they had behaved, and they turned back to the Lord. We too can turn back to God when we realise we have done wrong.

The Key Verses tell us that Elijah prayed again.

**Q: What happened in response to his second prayer?**

/1

What was the secret of Elijah's prayers? It was not that he was a special man but rather that he was a man whose life pleased GOD. The prayers of such a person are powerful and effective.

**Read James 5: 16.**

**TOTAL:**

Name:

## STUDY 4: Elijah

*God's Presence*



**READ:**  
1 Kings 19: 1-18



**KEY VERSE:**  
James 4: 8



*Suggested Further Reading: • Isaiah 40: 29-31 • Hebrews 13: 5 and 6*

Elijah's victory on Mount Carmel had put him in great danger. When the wicked Queen Jezebel heard from her husband, King Ahab, what had happened, she sent a message to the prophet Elijah.

**Q: Write IN YOUR OWN WORDS what the message was.**

/1

**Q: What was Elijah's reaction to Jezebel's message?  
Write TRUE or FALSE beside each of the following statements:**

- He was afraid. .....
- He hid by the brook again. .....
- Ahab sent a message to Elijah. .....
- He left his servant and continued alone into the barren wilderness. .....
- After walking all day, he sat down under a tree. .....
- He stayed awake all night. .....

/6

Elijah was depressed. He felt very much on his own. He'd done his best! He thought he was the only one to stand for God in the nation of Israel and what was his reward? He was on the run from those who wanted to kill him. He felt so sorry for himself that he even begged God to let him die.

How discouraged and upset he was! Yet the Lord had not forgotten him!

**Q: Look up Psalm 103: 13 and 14. Write the verses out and underline the three phrases which show the Lord really cares for us.**

/2

This was true for Elijah. Even though he was exhausted and frightened, God understood how he felt and encouraged him.

**Q: Whom did God send to Elijah?**

**Q: What supplies did God send to His prophet?**

/2

Having slept and eaten twice, Elijah was now ready to move on!

**Q: Put the following statements in the right order by putting the numbers 1 to 5 in the boxes. (Look up 1 Kings 19: 1-18)**

- The Lord spoke to Elijah in a still small voice (a gentle whisper).
- Elijah came to Mount Horeb (Sinai) and spent the night in a cave.
- Elijah travelled for 40 days and 40 nights.
- There was a strong wind, followed by an earthquake, and after that a fire.
- The Lord told Elijah to go out and stand on the mountain.

/5



What happened at Mount Horeb was very special for Elijah because God had spoken in a remarkable way to him. It became clear to him that God knew much more about his circumstances than he imagined.

**Q: He had found out how true the first part of the Key Verse is. Write this part of the verse out.**

/1

This is still true today! If we, as sinners, seek the Lord, we will find Him and He will not turn us away. (See John 6: 37)

Even as Christians we must always remember this fact. As a result of Elijah meeting with God, he was given fresh strength for his new tasks.

The Lord sent him to the wilderness to anoint three people.

**Q: Who were they?**

/3

1.

2.

3.

At the end of these studies about Elijah, we see what a great man he was for God! In days when King Ahab and Queen Jezebel had an evil effect on the nation, Elijah's influence for good was remarkable! Like ourselves, he had his weak points, but with God's help, he was strong. YOUR LIFE can also be useful to God, if you sincerely hand it over to His control, believing in your heart that He loves you so much that He gave His Son to be your Saviour.

**TOTAL:**

Return your lessons to:

**Marks** (to be entered by leader)

Leader's comments:

STUDY 1: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDY 2: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDY 3: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDY 4: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total** \_\_\_\_\_