

ELIJAH ON MT. CARMEL

I Kings 18:16-40

Elijah, the prophet of Jehovah, known as the prophet of fire, was one of the most remarkable characters of Israel's history.

Elijah appeared suddenly on the scene, during a time of apostasy in the nation of Israel, and his ministry also terminated suddenly, when he was caught up to heaven with a chariot of fire and a whirlwind.

The Outline of the Passage

- Elijah Confronts King Ahab (Vv17-18)
- Elijah Summons Israel & Baal's Prophets (V19)
- Elijah Suggests a Showdown (V23)
- Elijah Gives Baal's Prophets the Privilege (V25)
- Elijah's Ridicules the Idolaters (V27)
- Elijah Repairs the Lord's Altar (V30)
- Elijah Prepares the Burnt Offering (V33)
- Elijah Calls the Fire of God to Fall (V37)
- Elijah Commands the Slaughter of the False Prophets (V40)

However, the greatest showdown between deities was not held on Mt.Carmel, but on Mt. Calvary. There the true and living God triumphed over the god of this present world, Satan, when heaven's fire fell on the Son of His love.

Elijah summoned Israel to return to God by sacrifice. Jesus Christ our Lord summons the world to return to God by His sin-bearing sacrifice on the cross.

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God (1Cor.5:20-21).

Believe, and be set free from your sins. Get on the winning side!