

## Sunday School lesson grade 7 April 19 & 26

Elijah- Troubler of Israel

(Study 1 Kings and read chapters 16-21 for April 19 and 26).

Read the booklet **pages 61-63**, and as you read the scripture remember that after Solomon built the temple for God that he allowed his pagan wives to turn his heart away from the Lord in the last years of his life. God had given him more wisdom than all people, and more riches, but Solomon turned away and allowed his wives to convince him to sacrifice on the high places. God was displeased with Solomon and so after his death God allowed the kingdom to be divided. Now the nation of Israel was divided, and a divided nation struggles against its enemies. Judah was being ruled by Rehoboam and Israel by Jeroboam.

The son of Solomon, Rehoboam fought against Shishak, King of Egypt who came up against Jerusalem. He took away the treasure of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house, all the shields of gold which Solomon made. In their stead, King Rehoboam made brazen shields and committed them unto the hands of the chief of the guard, which kept the door of the king's house.

Many years pass and none of the kings of Judah or Israel are like David. Baal worship became the religion of most people, and by the time Ahab and Jezebel came to the throne, they were also serving the idols of Baal and had hundreds of priests of Baal at the palace. Jezebel came from Phoenicia and worshiped Baal. It was during this time that Elijah was a prophet of God.

Read the Bible stories in 1 Kings 16-21

As you read these stories think about the following questions:

- 1) What happens when people begin worshiping other Gods?
- 2) What happened in Israel because of the sins of Ahab and his wife Jezebel?
- 3) What was the contest that Elijah challenged the priests of Baal?
- 4) Why did the Lord have the prophets of Baal executed?
- 5) How does the story of Naboth's vineyard remind you of David taking the wife of Uriah the Hittite?
- 6) How is false worship behind all of our sin?
- 7) Why does the faithful preaching of God's Word trouble those who oppose God and his commandments?

- 8) Why is it still necessary today to preach a message of repentance?
- 9) How do we recognize sin?
- 10) What are the benefits of the sacrament of the altar?
- 11) What does God say about faith in Ephesians chapter 2?
- 12) What are some of the idols that modern man is guilty of worshiping?
- 13) Why is idolatry always self-centered and behind all of our sin?
- 14) How did Elijah mock the priests of Baal?
- 15) Why did Elijah pour water over the sacrifice three times?
- 16) Why does the Lord want us to study the ten commandments and meditate on them?
- 17) How does the law work as a mirror for us?

The following YouTube channels will give you an idea of the stories we are studying. The last two are cartoons, but still give the main idea of the Bible stories.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NAwuKUHKKBw>

Elijah and the widow of Zarephath

Cartoon

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00HvyS\\_DJ\\_I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00HvyS_DJ_I)

Elijah and Elisha- God Jesus destroys baal prophets-  
Ahab & Jezebel

Cartoon

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpxSTbp\\_X1E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpxSTbp_X1E)

King Ahab- Moody Bible Story (Ahab's sin against Naboth)