

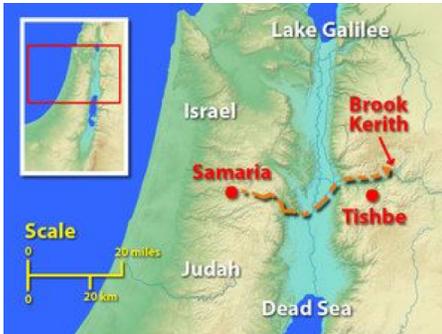


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## Easter with Elijah

Lesson 10 • 1Kings 18:16-40

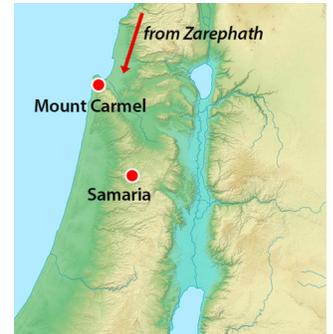
Let's travel back in time to celebrate Easter with Elijah as he faces 850 prophets of Baal for a Spiritual Smackdown on Mount Carmel!



1Kgs 17:1-7 | Elijah at Brook Kerith for about 1 Year



1Kgs 17:8-2 | Elijah at Zarephath for over 2 Years



1Kgs 18:1-44 | Mt Carmel after 3 ½ yrs

### A Spiritual Smackdown Will Settle the Question: WHO IS THE REAL GOD – YAHWEH or BAAL?

#### 1. The QUESTION before the Smackdown. (18:1-16)

- Obadiah settles the question of whom he's gonna serve, *because everybody's gotta serve somebody.*

*A choice we all must eventually make: Will I be SOLD-OUT in serving the Lord or be a SELL-OUT?*

#### 2. The PREPARATION for the Smackdown. (18:17-20)

- Who is **CAUSING** the "trouble" for Israel? (17-18)
  - 1) Ahab's false accusation: "Is this you, you troubler of Israel?" (17)
  - 2) Elijah's true accusation: "I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house have!" (18)
- Who is in **CHARGE** of Israel? (19-20)

*A Spiritual Smackdown will settle the question of  
WHO is THE CAUSE and WHO is IN CHARGE!*



The western summit of Mount Carmel overlooking the modern Israeli port city of Haifa.

#### 3. The CONFRONTATION at the Smackdown. (18:21-29)

- Elijah confronts the "**Fence Sitters**" with the problem of their **COMPROMISE**. (21-24)
  - 1) Israel's Problem: *Sitting on the fence with a "lame" commitment to the LORD!* (21)
  - 2) Elijah's Proposal: *A Spiritual Smackdown to see whose "God" will answer by fire!* (22-24)

*Israel final speaks up but only says: "**GOOD WORD!**"*

- Elijah challenges the **False Prophets** to prove their false **CLAIMS**. (25-29)
  - 1) The Surrender of the Advantage by Yahweh: *The majority will be proven wrong!* (25)
  - 2) The Silence of the “No God” Baal: *The mighty Baal is proven to be impotent and mute!* (26-29)

From Morning to Noon...**NO VOICE** is heard and **NO ONE** answers!  
 From Noon to Evening... **NO VOICE** is heard, **NO ONE** answers, and **NO ONE** pays attention!



#### 4. The **VINDICATION** by the Smackdown. (18:30-38)

- The LORD’s Mediator **calls** the people to **COME NEAR** to him and his sacrifice. (30a)
- The LORD’s Mediator **prepares** an **ACCEPTABLE** sacrifice to the LORD for His people. (30b-35)
- The LORD’s Mediator **intercedes** that the fame of the LORD’s Name would be **MADE KNOWN**. (36-37)
- The LORD and His Mediator **are vindicated** before all the people by consuming **FIRE** from heaven. (38; Hebrews 10:26-29; 12:28-29; 2Thessalonians 1:6-10)

#### 5. The **REACTION** to the Smackdown. (18:39-40)

- Repentance by heart **CHANGE**. (39)
- Reckoning by holy **CONDEMNATION**. (40)



Statue of Elijah on Mt Carmel  
Slaying a False Prophet of Baal

### What Does Easter with Elijah Teaches Us?

*The LORD Himself Will Settle Who the True God Is by Vindicating His Chosen Servant with an Acceptable Sacrifice and a Miraculous Vindication...the **RESURRECTION** of His Son from the dead!* Romans 1:1-4

- SEE** what God has done for us as sinners in the acceptable sacrifice of His own Son on the Cross. *John 3:16; 1Peter 1:18-21; Heb 10:10-14; Romans 12:1-2; 1Peter 2:4-5; Heb 13:13-16*
- FALL** on your face in repentance and humble submission to the risen King who is truly God and truly Man. *John 20:26-29*
- CALL** on the LORD to be saved before His Holy Fire falls in judgment. *Romans 10:5-13, 17; 2Thessalonians 1:6-10; Heb 10:26-29; 12:28-29;*
- SERVE** the LORD with a heart that has been radically changed and is sold out to Him. *2Corinthians 5:14-15; Romans 12:1-2*
- WARN** others of the coming judgment and good news of salvation before it’s too late. *2Corinthians 5:11, 16-20*

*And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called **The Word of God**. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. **From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.** And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, **“KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”** Revelation 19:11-16*

*The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.”  
 And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.  
 He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming quickly.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.  
 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen. Revelation 22:17, 20-21*