



A Man Sent from God

Lesson 4 • 1Kings 17:1

So Far We Have Seen the...		
WIDTH of the THEOLOGICAL Context Lesson 1	WICKEDNESS of the HISTORICAL Context Lesson 2	WARFARE of the SPIRITUAL Context Lesson 3
Stretches from the Old Testament to the New Testament	Spirals Down under the Kings from Idolatry to Heresy to Apostasy.	Struggle Between TEAM Baal and TEAM Yahweh
<i>Elijah was an extraordinary ordinary man!</i>	<i>Elijah remained loyal to the LORD in the worst of times!</i>	<i>Elijah represents the loyal remnant who worship Yahweh in the war of worldviews.</i>

“NOW Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.” 1Kings 17:1

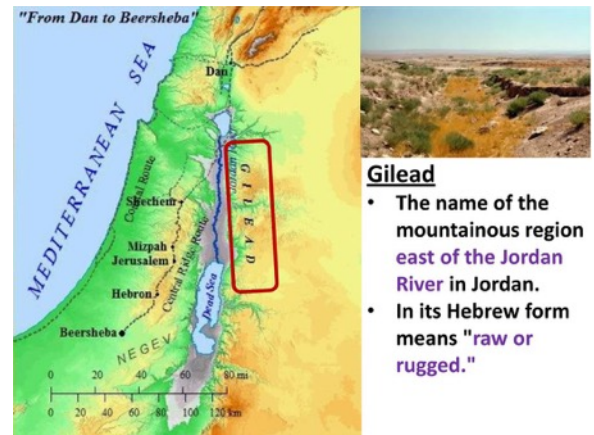
What Kind of Man Was Elijah?

1. Elijah Was a Man LIKE US.

- His **HOME** – Elijah was a Tishbite from the Gilead Region!

For this **Melchizedek**, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God...was first of all, by the translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace. **Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually.** Hebrews 7:1-3

“And the child [John the Baptist] continued to grow and to **become strong in spirit, and he lived in the deserts until the day of his public appearance to Israel.**” Luke 1:80



Gilead

- The name of the mountainous region east of the Jordan River in Jordan.
- In its Hebrew form means “raw or rugged.”

- His **HAIRINESS** – Was Elijah a hairy man who liked to wear leather? 2Kings 1:8



- His **HERITAGE** – “Elijah” means “My God Is Yahweh!”

The Witness of Elijah’s Parents in Naming Him “My God Is Yahweh”

- 1) Calls us to be **COURAGEOUS** Witnesses
- 2) Calls us to be **CORRECT** Witnesses
- 3) Calls us to be **CONSISTENT** Witnesses
- 4) Calls us to be **CONVICTING** Witnesses
- 5) Calls us to be **COMPASSIONATE** Witnesses

- His **HEART** – Elijah burned with zeal for the LORD! 1Kings 19:9-14

- His **HUMANITY** – *Elijah's life was filled with peaks and valleys just like us!*
James 5:16-20

Elijah was a man like us in his humanity and we can be a man like him in his heart for God!

2. Elijah Was a Man **OF GOD**.

- A Man of God Who **STOOD** in God's Presence

- 1) He **BELIEVED** in the living God. *"the God...LIVES"*
- 2) He **WORSHIPPED** the covenant God. *"the LORD, the God"*
- 3) He **IDENTIFIED** with the people of God. *"the LORD, the God of ISRAEL"*
- 4) He **LIVED** in the presence of the LORD. *"As the LORD, the God of Israel lives, BEFORE WHOM I STAND"*
- 5) He **OBEYED** the call of God. *"Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, SAID TO AHAB..."*

- A Man of God Who Was **SENT** as God's Prophet

- 1) His appearance is **not introduced** but it should not be **UNEXPECTED!**
- 2) His role as a prophet is **not explained** but it should be **UNDERSTOOD!**

Description of the Prophets

Prophets were Covenant **PROTECTORS/MEDIATORS** sent by Israel's Promise Keeping God...

who **CONFRONTED** Covenant Breakers and **COMFORTED** Covenant Keepers

by **FORETELLING** (predicting) the future fulfillment of God's promises of judgment and salvation
and

FORTH TELLING (preaching) His people to repent before judgment falls and remain loyal until deliverance comes!

Functions of the Prophets

- 1) **REVELATION** – *"Thus says the LORD..."* They have access to the Divine Counsel of the LORD to speak and write His words.
- 2) **EXHORTATION** – *"Repent...Trust and Obey"* They preach and exhort people to repentance and perseverance.
- 3) **PREDICTION** – They foretell what will happen according to the Word of the Lord based on His revealed promises.
- 4) **AFFIRMATION** – They encourage God's elect remnant to persevere until the promised deliverance comes.
- 5) **CONFRONTATION** – They call the disobedient and unbelieving to repentance and faith before the promised judgment falls.
- 6) **MEDIATION** – They represent the Covenant God to His Covenant People and His Covenant People to their Covenant God.
- 7) **ILLUSTRATIONS** – *"My Servants the Prophets"* They are imperfect examples of the Son of God who will be the Word of God incarnate.

"There came a man sent from God, whose name was John." John 1:6

Lessons to Learn and Live | A Man Sent from God

- ☐ God loves to use ordinary people to do extraordinary things – *even hairy ones with rough edges!*
- ☐ God wants His people to pass on their faith to their children and their children's children.
- ☐ God's people are to live their daily lives as though they are in the presence of the living God – *because they are! Colossians 3:1-4*
- ☐ God's people learn to live for the LORD by spending time in His presence – *spend time with Him in His Word and prayer!*
- ☐ We have the written, inspired, inerrant, sufficient Word of God that does for us what prophets did in the Old and New Testament – *the Scriptures instruct us, rebuke us, correct us, and disciple us, so that we become men and women of God who are thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2Timothy 3:15-17*
- ☐ We get to know what the prophets wanted to know but never did, namely, Jesus of Nazareth is the coming King they predicted and with the angels of heaven longed to see! *1Peter 1:10-12*
- ☐ We are to spend time with God and His people with the posture of a servant who stands in the presence of his or her King and says: *"Your wish is my command!"*
- ☐ We have been called by the Father, sent by the Son, and empowered by the Spirit to be courageous, correct, consistent, and convicting witnesses that bridge the gap between God and all peoples. *Acts 1:8*