

THE LIFE OF

ELIJAH





God of Elijah

- Consumes offering, altar and water
- Now the people react? (39)
- Prophets of Baal destroyed... Asherah??
- A “sound of abundance of rain” – not sight!
 - Even though God had promised... (vs. 1)

Prayer for Renewal

- Tells Ahab to eat
- He goes to Mt. Carmel to pray – humbly
 - Even after his victory... especially so!
 - Look toward the sea – place of hope
 - Go again 7 times... on the 7th...
 - A cloud, small as a hand... no great sign!

Flight to Jezreel

- Everybody RUN! Flash flood warning!!!
- Black clouds roll in quickly – wind and great rain
- Ahab rides; Elijah runs!
- Hand of the Lord, pick up your robe!!!



Nazareth

**Mt. Tabor
(15 miles away)**

Hill of Moreh

**Jezreel
(city)**

Mts. of Gilboa

Tell Yokneam

Upper Carmel

The Power of His Hand

- 25 miles thru the Valley of Jezreel
- What does God's Hand do on us?
 - Creation, Nehemiah, Ezra, Jesus' healings
 - God is sending His Hand
 - In the Holy Spirit, in us...

Jezebel goes “postal”

- “You will be dead by tomorrow” (19:2)
- And Elijah... runs? Afraid!
 - Jezreel to Beersheba – over 120 miles!!!
 - Deep into Judah, south of Jerusalem
 - Leaves his servant and wanders for a day...
 - “take away my life”, under a tree... hmmm

Elijah the human!

- Great miracles do not guarantee:
 - An easy life
 - A faithful walk
 - Courage in the face of evil
- If he really wanted to die, Jezebel was waiting!
- Discouragement can be deadly

God empowered journey

- Another “God Meal” x2 - God lets him go...
- 40 days of nourishment
- Mt. Horeb – 280 miles - Mountain of God
 - None of Israel’s history has brought them back
 - Moses and Elijah connection!

Hiding in a cave...

- No one does well in a cave...!
- “what are you doing here, Elijah?”
- I am zealous, I am alone, they want to kill me
- Stand before the Lord!!!
- Great wind, earthquake, fire... all not God!
- Gentle blowing gets his attention...