

## Sermon Scripture Passage: I Kings 16:29-34, 17:1-7

29 In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab the son of Omri began to reign over Israel, and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years. 30 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord, more than all who were before him. 31 And as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, he took for his wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal and worshiped him. 32 He erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he built in Samaria. 33 And Ahab made an Asherah. Ahab did more to provoke the Lord, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him. 34 In his days Hiel of Bethel built Jericho. He laid its foundation at the cost of Abiram his firstborn, and set up its gates at the cost of his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the Lord, which he spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.

Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." 2 And the word of the Lord came to him: 3 "Depart from here and turn eastward and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. 4 You shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." 5 So he went and did according to the word of the Lord. He went and lived by the brook Cherith that is east of the Jordan. 6 And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. 7 And after a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

### **Scripture References:**

Exodus 20: 1-3 – *And God spoke all these words: 2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 3 "You shall have no other gods before me.*

Ephesians 6:10 – *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.*

1 Timothy 4:8 – *For physical training is of some value, but godliness [spiritual training] has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.*

I Corinthians 15:58 – *Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

Colossians 2:6-7 – *Therefore, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in Him, 7rooted and built up in Him, established in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.*

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Elijah: The Lonely Prophet #1 – I Kings 16:29-34, 17:1-7 – God Sends a Prophet

What will God do when His People go astray and begin to worship the \_\_\_\_\_ gods?

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1 Kings 12: When Israel was divided, King Jeroboam did not want his subjects going to the temple in Jerusalem, so he built his own temples and set up \_\_\_\_\_ for them to worship.

16:29-32: Ahab went even further than Jeroboam, and set up altars for the people to worship \_\_\_\_\_ the chief god of the Canaanites, as well as the goddess \_\_\_\_\_.

*What role did Ahab's marriage to Jezebel, a Phoenician princess, play in this decision?*

Exodus 20: When God brought Israel out of \_\_\_\_\_ in Egypt, he made a deal with them. He would be their God and protect/bless them and they would not \_\_\_\_\_ other gods.

16:34: Rebuilding \_\_\_\_\_ shows that Israel was growing in prosperity and strength.

What would God do in response? God sends a prophet!

17:1 - Elijah brought a message to king Ahab, there will be no \_\_\_\_\_ until God gives word.

*What was God trying to teach the people? Hint: Baal was considered a \_\_\_\_\_ god!*

17:3 - The Lord sent Elijah east of the \_\_\_\_\_ river, far away from Ahab during the drought.

*17:6 - What lessons would Elijah gain as the Lord provided for him through the \_\_\_\_\_?*

Three Applications:

What do we learn about God from how he responds to this situation?

Why is the Lord so against Israel worshipping other gods when other nations did the same?

How does the time by the brook prepare Elijah for what he will soon face?

How might the Lord be preparing us to stay faithful amidst challenges to our faith?

## Sermon Handout Answers:

### *Fill in the Blank Answers:*

- *Canaanite*
- *Images – golden idols*
- *Baal*
- *Asherah*
- *Slavery*
- *Worship*
- *Jericho*
- *Rain*
- *Storm*
- *Jordan*
- *Ravens*
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