

Ministry of Elijah

Let's review what we learned about providence in chapter 17.

1 Kings 17	Providence
1 Kings 18	Victory
1 Kings 19	Discouragement
1 Kings 21	Confrontation
2 Kings 1-2	Heaven

After three and a half years, it's time for rain. Read 1 Kings 18:1-15.

Look at a map of Old Testament Israel and identify the locations cited in this chapter. Describe Obadiah.

What other godly people can you think of who served under wicked rulers?

What lessons can we learn from this?

What was Obadiah's reaction to the assignment Elijah gave him?

Read 1 Kings 18:16-29.

What does Ahab's visceral reaction to Elijah tell you about Ahab?

What was Elijah's response to Ahab?

Describe the showdown which Elijah set up. (Note verse 36 in the chapter.)

What was Elijah's message for the people assembled at Mount Carmel?

How do the actions of the Baal prophets make you feel?

See verse 27. Agree or disagree? We should never make fun of someone's beliefs.

What was the LORD trying to accomplish through this showdown?

Read 1 Kings 18:30-40.

What was the point of Elijah's preparations?

Study Elijah's prayer in 36-37. What are its main parts?

How does the LORD's answer to Elijah's prayer make you feel?

In connection with verse 40, see Deuteronomy 13:1-5.

Read 1 Kings 18:41-46.

How did the rain return?

What fascinating activity is recorded at the end of the chapter?

Final Points

What **victory** was achieved on Mount Carmel that day?

What **victories** is the LORD achieving today?