

Ministry of Elijah

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

Before opening your Bible, list all that you know about *Elijah*.

Elijah was a great prophet. He served as prophet in the northern kingdom.

Here are the ruling dynasties in the north after its breakup with the south.

Jeroboam *"You have made for yourself other gods...you have provoked me to anger."*

Nadab *He did evil...walking in the ways of his father and in his sin.*

Baasha *"You walked in the ways of Jeroboam and caused my people Israel to sin."*

Elah *Baasha and Elah provoked the LORD to anger by their worthless idols.*

Zimri *So he died, because of the sins he had committed...*

Omri *He sinned more than all those before him.*

Ahab *He did more evil in the eyes of the LORD than any of those before him.*

The ministry of *Elijah* intersects with the rule of Ahab.

Read the description of King Ahab in 1 Kings 16:29-33.

Describe Ahab's home life.

Describe Ahab's worship life.

Elijah appears in the Bible as if out of nowhere. Read 1 Kings 17:1-6.

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

The LORD had a plan for teaching Israel about his **providence**. What was the plan?

The LORD had a plan for teaching Elijah about his **providence**. What was the plan?

Read 1 Kings 17:7-16.

God had another plan for teaching Elijah about **providence**. What was it?

What do you think about Elijah's first request of the woman?

What do you think of her answer?

What do you think about Elijah's second request of the woman?

What do you think about her response?

Read 1 Kings 17:17-24.

What was the woman's reaction to her son's death?

Why do you think she reacted that way?

How did the boy's life come back?

What effect did the boy's resurrection have on his mother?

Final Points

What lesson did Jesus teach from this part of 1 Kings? Read Luke 4:24-26.

List the lessons which 1 Kings 17 has taught you about **providence**.