



Empowering People to Change the World

Living in the Days of Elijah Part 1

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Road Declaration...

- Israel had been a united kingdom under Saul, David, and Solomon. But as Solomon fell away from the Lord, Israel was split into two kingdoms, the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah.
- **1 Kings** and **2 Kings** are the follow up of **2 Samuel**.
- The first 11 chapters of **1 Kings** is about the united kingdom under Solomon, and we are picking up our story during the divided kingdom.
- The theme: God is in control of human affairs, even the politics of a nation. He raises up and He takes down, according to the obedience of the leader. God raises up prophets who speak truth to these leaders.
- God has spoken to me over the past two weeks that we are living in the “Days of Elijah.” So I began to study Elijah and just what “living in the days of Elijah” means for us.

1 Chronicles 12:32 speaks of the sons of Issachar as those “who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do.”

- We want The Road to be a church that understands the times and knows what the Church should do.
- From Sun Tzu’s *The Art of War*: “If you know the enemy and you know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle.”
- Paul says in **2 Corinthians 2:11**, “lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.”

- Jesus says, “You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.”

Paradigm Shift Required

- A paradigm is a pattern of thinking or assumptions you have for evaluating something.
- A paradigm shift is when you have a fundamental change in your assumptions of something.
- We all had a paradigm shift when we chose to become Jesus disciples. The Bible came alive to you, and you saw reality differently. The Kingdom of God through Jesus Christ gave you a new love for God and for your fellowman.
- It’s been proven that people would rather process the information they receive differently, than to change their paradigm or point of view.
- What I will share will require not just a processing of information differently, but a paradigm shift for some of you!

1 Kings 16:29-33

Here’s what we learn about Ahab, the seventh king of Israel, the northern kingdom:

1. Ahab was the most evil king in Israel up to that time.
2. Ahab married the fanatical pagan queen, Jezebel, who led him into the worship of the Canaanite god, Baal.
3. Ahab also followed in the sins of Jeroboam, which was the erection of shrines in the high places all over Israel. He even set up his own priesthood, not of the sons of Levi. (Two calves of gold) Talmudic literature says he placed altars to Baal on every high place in Israel. Like Jeroboam, Ahab recruits his own prophets and priests for Baal.

4. Ahab built a wooden image to Asherah, the Canaanite goddess and the wife of Baal, in Samaria, where he had already built a Temple to Baal.

Talmudic literature says that Ahab wrote on all the doors of the city gates in Samaria, "Ahab hath renounced the living God of Israel." How ironic! Renounced the LIVING GOD.

Baal

- In the Bible and history, a god worshipped in Canaan; closely associated with the "son of Dagan," the fertility god, and Hadad, another fertility god of the Ugaritic religion.
- He is also associated as the "storm god," who has power over rain, wind, clouds, and thus, fertility.
- In some of their festivals, the sacrifice of humans was expected.

Asherah

- A Canaanite goddess, goddess of fertility; some believe that legend has it that she became a kind of mistress to Baal.
- Both gods normally required the sacrifice of children, often the first-born male child, sacrifice by fire.
- It is interesting in the study of rivals for worship in the OT, the other god is Molech, also closely associated with Baal worship. Molech also required the sacrifice of children or child prostitution.

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The owl to the elites translates to “king” by many names, including — Moloch, Molech, מֹלֵךְ, mōlek, Μολόχ, Milcom, or Malcam. Moloch was worshiped as a Canaanite god. He was also recognized by the Israelites and Amorites. The ancient traditions are recorded in Greek and other European histories. When speaking about Moloch, there are stories relating to sacrifice of children by fire! These sacrifices were offered in the city of Carthage, a Phoenician colony, to save it from siege, according to an archaeologist at Oxford University that found the bodies of 200 children.

- The owl known as Moloch is riddled throughout history. The more commonly known occultic owl is the 40-foot statute at Bohemian Grove in California and more recently mentioned in Hillary Clinton’s leaked emails, as well as seen on rich elite pedophile, Jeffrey Epstein’s island.
- We are seeing the name Molech coming up more and more in secret documents between some of the elites in our nation.
- With the rising power of abortion and the growing desire by some to decriminalize pedophilia, we see the altar of Baal, Asherah, and Molech rising over our nation.
- All satanic cults believe that by sacrificing children they will receive wisdom, riches, protection, and other physical material wealth in the earthly realm.

In 2016, a 50-foot replica of the arch forming the entrance to the Temple of Baal was installed in New York, honoring the symbol of a pagan deity.

<https://stream.org/arch-temple-baal-arrives-new-york-city/>

“If America is following in the footsteps of ancient Israel away from God and to judgment, could there be a link to Baal?” Cahn questions. “Of course, no one in America would admit to worshiping Baal. But the truth is American culture is filled with other gods and idols. When a civilization turns away from God, it always ends up bringing in other gods in His place.”

Just after the unveiling, [Cahn stood](#) before the arch, and commented on the connections between ancient Israel and America. “And here, now on American soil, in back of me, is the manifesting of the sign of Baal.”

<https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/2018/october/arch-of-palmyra-in-dc-coincidence-or-pagan-invitation-nbsp>

in 2018, a reconstruction of the ancient Arch of Palmyra, Syria, was set up in Washington, DC to celebrate global cultural heritage.

- At the centerpiece of sin in America is child sacrifice! It is as ancient as time itself—Satan is always after our children! It was true in the time of Moses as they murdered the children and in the time of Christ as they murdered the children.

God Raises Up His Wild Prophets

- In OT times, God would raise up His prophets to speak truth and righteousness to the rulers of Israel.
- As I look at Ahab and now the rise of the prophet Elijah, I will bring it home to our time...

1 Kings 17:1-3

- So now, almost out of nowhere comes a gentile wild man, from the Tishbite, way up in the northern area above the present Sea of Galilee.
- It was said of John the Baptist, that he came in the spirit and power of Elijah. Both came out of the wilderness and ate food from the wilderness that God provided.
- God raises up wild men of faith! Men of the wilderness! John and Elijah!
- Now listen, this guy is really wild! He’s been sent by God, and what he says is the most radical thing he could say against Ahab and his gods of Baal and Asherah!

- NO RAIN FOR YEARS! These are the fertility gods who rule over nature, over rain, over clouds! What???
- Is there not a reason that the issue of abortion gets the left so upset? It hits at the very core of the god of Molech, Baal, and Asherah!
- Look at Elijah: He is speaking for God!! “The Word of the Lord came to him...”

1. **(Like Elijah) The true Church will speak for God with authority.**

- We are the Church that Christ is building! We are the Church that the gates of hell cannot prevail against! (Last week’s sermon)
- Jesus: “I will build My Church, and the gates of hell cannot prevail against it...”
- **Ekklesia**—the assembly of Kingdom citizens and ambassadors that are bringing the rule and reign of Christ from heaven to the earth!
- These are like the days of Elijah, and God has called the Church to speak into evil, all forms of evil, with the authority of the Bible and the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Who speaks for God? God does through His Word and his people!
- We can’t lose our prophetic edge! Who else will speak for God? Who? Only the Church can speak for God against the “gates of hell.”
- We must know this Book, believe it, and proclaim the message within.
- But ultimately, change comes at the heart level. Laws can be changed; but if the heart isn’t changed, the sin continues.
- God has called us to defend but not be defensive.

- **1 Peter 3:15** *“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.”*
- Some years ago, Madalyn Murray O’Hair, the leading atheists’ spokesperson said, “I’ll tell you why some Christians are afraid of me. They are not sure what they say they really believe is true. If they were, I wouldn’t be a threat to them at all.”
 - This is why we need apologetics and a Christian worldview. We have a conference coming up.
 - EmpowerU

1 Kings 18:1-4

- Elijah, by the Word of the Lord, has created a famine over the land.
- Jezebel is killing prophets! The Jezebel spirit is always a spirit of death through power and control.
- Jezebel is freaking out!! She knows a greater power has come.

Satan’s persecution only begins when there is something to fear.

- The censorship happening across the Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc., is because they fear our voices!
- Listen, if Biden had won this election as decisively as they said, if he received millions of votes more than President Obama, why would they care what we write, say, or post?
- The mainstream media, the Washington elite, and Big Tech fear us! We are the people. They should fear us.

2. (Like in the time of Elijah) The true Church is a courageous remnant that will not bow down.

- Obadiah risks his life to hide the prophets of Yahweh.

- Later on, when Elijah feels like he's the only one left, God will remind him that there are 7,000 prophets that have not bowed the knee to Baal.
- Ex. It was a courageous remnant that hid Jews under Hitler.
- Ex. It was a courageous remnant of pastors that defied Hitler.
- Ex. It was a courageous remnant that opposed Herod and the Rabbis all over Jerusalem and Asia Minor.
- This is the power of bloodstained allies in the Church!
 - You will need allies in your 2:42 Community Group.
 - You will need allies by serving at The Road; getting to know people by serving together.

Explain about Obadiah and Elijah's request...

1 Kings 18:15-21

3. (Like Elijah) The true Church will be fearless in declaring truth.

- Elijah is fearless against Ahab. Think about it: he knows that Ahab and Jezebel are killing all the prophets (pastors), and yet he calls out Ahab!
- Chuck Colson defines the Church as "contra mundum," which means "against the world."
- *"The house of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." (1 Timothy 3:15)*
- Much of the Church has catered to the secular, atheistic, Oprah Winfrey non-church-goer and has lost the edge of proclaiming truth.
- Francis Schaeffer once said, "The true Christian...is not only to teach but to practice truth in the midst of relativism, and this will bring forth confrontation—loving confrontation, but confrontation."

- We want to be nice people. “Nice people are genial and well mannered,” wrote novelist Walker Percy. But he added, “You would barely know they are Christians at all.”
- Ex. But when we lovingly share Christ, not worried about offending, but showing kindness and love, you will be surprised how many people are truly open to the Gospel.
- Ex. Recently I was sharing the love of Christ to a delivery man, and he kept giving one excuse after another. But I felt compelled to deal with each argument with a graceful response, and he softened up...
- Martin Luther once said, “The ultimate proof of the sinner is that he doesn’t know his own sin. Our job is to make him see it.”
- Conviction must precede conversion!
- Chuck Colson once wrote, “Without the message of the Gospel, we are simply offering our own brand of therapy. And therapy can only modify behavior. It is the Gospel that transforms character.”
- Colson continues, in speaking of the Kingdom of God, “What is clear is that God’s rule (Kingdom of God) extends to everything. From our bank accounts to our business dealings to our educational curriculum to our social justice issues to our environmental concerns to our political choices in the voting booth—everything must reflect the fact that God’s righteous rule extends to all of life.”

Verses 25-39

4. (Like Elijah) The true Church will be a people on fire.

- We are God’s Temple, God’s altar! At Pentecost, the fire fell on the Church!
- We will only have as much power to confront this world as we are filled with God’s. We just don’t have enough. We can’t do this without God’s power.

- Elijah called down God's power! He didn't personally have power. God had the power, and he had a confidence that God would come.

Verses 41-46

5. (Like Elijah) The true Church will be warring in believing prayer.

- Seven times Elijah prayed!
- ***James 1:13-18***
- We war until God shows up! We don't give up!