

## I KINGS 18; May 27; Elijah Challenges False Religion

### ANALYSIS:

1. How did Elijah relieve Obadiah's fear of telling Ahab, "Behold, Elijah is here?" \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. When Elijah met Ahab, what did they say to each other? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. How did the priests of Baal call on their god, and what happened?  
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4. How did Elijah conduct the worship of the LORD, and what happened?  
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5. What did the people say? \_\_\_\_\_

### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Oh, what emotions this chapter stirs in the soul! There's Obadiah's fear that the LORD would take Elijah to another location and Ahab would seek to kill Obadiah when he did not find Elijah. Hear the boldness of Elijah's answer to Ahab, "I have not troubled Israel; but thou .." Note Elijah's clever proposal to let him that answereth by fire be God. Baal had never done a miracle, NEVER, but the priests agreed. Can you believe it? Imagine the desperation of the priests of Baal when no answer came. Listen as Elijah mocks them, "Cry aloud; for he is a god ... " (How is that for tongue-in-cheek speech?) Elijah, wait! Why do you want to soak the wood? Aren't you putting the LORD at a disadvantage?

A short prayer of some 63 words, and the fire of God fell!!!

Stand boldly for God's revealed truth, and reject error in doctrine, practice and/or lifestyle. Expect to suffer, yet win the LORD'S promised reward (Mt 5:11-12; I Thes 3:4; II Thes 1:4-5; Acts 14:22; John 16:33).

### HELP:

1. Elijah promised, "As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely shew myself unto him to day" (v 15).
2. Ahab said "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" Elijah said "I have not troubled Israel; but thou ... " (vs 17-19).
3. They called all day, leaped on the altar, cried aloud, cut themselves till the blood gushed out. NOTHING HAPPENED (vs 26-28).
4. He built an altar of 12 stones, dug a trench around it, put the wood and bullock on the altar, soaked everything with 12 barrels of water, prayed "LORD God ..." a short prayer of 63 words. THE FIRE OF GOD FELL AND CONSUMED EVERYTHING! (vs 31-38).
5. The LORD, he is the God: The LORD he is the God" (v 39).