

ELIJAH

A Man Who Can Make It Rain

Elijah the best stand up in the Bible

1 Kings 18:25-27

25 Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire.” **26** So they took the bull given them and prepared it.

Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. “Baal, answer us!” they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made.

27 At noon Elijah began to taunt them. “Shout louder!” he said. “Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened.”

The Roles of Prophets

- Speak on God's behalf
- Covenant Watchdogs
- Call out Idolatry and Injustice

1 Kings 16

³² He erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he built in Samaria.

³³ Ahab did more to provoke the Lord, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

1 kings 18 v 4

Jezebel destroyed the prophets of the Lord,

Elijah was just like you

James ch 5 v 16 - 18

16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. **17** Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. **18** Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

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john ch 7 v 38 - 39

38 Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” **39** By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

living water is the holy spirit

Isaiah ch 44 v 3

3
For I will pour water on the thirsty land,
and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring,
and my blessing on your descendants.

Rain is a symbol of the holy
spirit being poured out

The Holy Spirit is poured out in some places and not others

Amos ch 4 v 7 - 8

7
“I also withheld rain from you
when the harvest was still three months away.

I sent rain on one town,
but withheld it from another.

One field had rain;
another had none and dried up.

8
People staggered from town to town for water
but did not get enough to drink,
yet you have not returned to me,”
declares the Lord.

Why won't it rain?

1 kings 18 v 8

18 He said, "I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house *have*, because you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord and you have followed the Baals.

1 kings 18 v 21

21 Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long *will* you hesitate between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people did not answer him a word.

God's people must be following God's law

How to make it rain?

1 kings 18 v 36 - 37

Elijah the prophet came near and said, “O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, today let it be known that You are God in Israel and that I am Your servant and I have done all these things at Your word. **37** Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that this people may know that You, O Lord, are God, and *that* You have turned their heart back again.”

1kings 18 v 39

39 When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, “The Lord, He is God; the Lord, He is God.”

1 kings 18 v41

41 Now Elijah said to Ahab, “Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of the roar of a *heavy* shower.”

What will happen if you try to
make it rain?

1 Kings ch 18 v17

17 When he saw Elijah, he said to him, “Is that you, you troubler of Israel?”