

WHAT ENDED ELIJAH'S MINISTRY?
(1 Kings 17:1 - 19:21)

- I. Elijah's INTRODUCTION
 - A. CONTEXT
 - 1. A KING who was an IDOLATER
 - 2. A NATION in APOSTASY
 - B. CONFRONTATION
 - 1. CLAIMING a promise (1 Kings 17:1; cf. James 5:17)
 - 2. CHALLENGING the situation (1 Kings 18:16-24)

- II. Elijah's TRIUMPH (1 Kings 18:25-40)
 - A. DEFEATED the prophets of Baal
 - B. ENDED the DROUGHT (1 Kings 18:41-46)
 - C. PROMOTED to a place of HONOR

- III. Elijah's DISAPPOINTMENT (1 Kings 19:1-2)
 - A. The king's FAILURE
 - B. The queen's THREAT

- C. The prophet's DEPARTURE
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- IV. Elijah's DISCOURAGEMENT (19:3-9a)
 - A. Left the COUNTRY
 - B. Decided to QUIT
 - 1. Felt INEFFECTIVE for God
 - 2. Felt ABANDONED by God
 - C. REFUSED to be MOVED (19:13-14)
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- V. Elijah's RETIREMENT (19:15-19)
 - A. A three-fold ASSIGNMENT
 - 1. Anoint Hazael to be KING over ARAM/SYRIA
 - 2. Anoint Jehu to be KING over ISRAEL
 - 3. Anoint Elisha to REPLACE Elijah as PROPHET
 - B. A singular SUCCESS (19:19-21)
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- VI. Lessons
 - A. Ministry for God emphasizes OBEDIENCE, not RESULTS
 - B. God is not always in the SPECTACULAR, but often works in QUIET ways
 - C. God is SOVEREIGN over EVERYTHING