
Standing In The Gap

“Elijah”

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Ezekiel 22:30, 1 Kings 16:29-17:1

Introduction: This morning, we will begin a new study where we focus on the life and times of Elijah.

1. Although he lived thousands of years ago, the times he lived in are very similar to our own.
2. Elijah came on the scene during the reign of Ahab and Jezebel in Northern Israel.
3. From the moment the North split from the South, a consistent spiritual decline was the norm.
4. Nineteen kings ruled in the north, not one of them respected or served God.
5. Each king was worse than his predecessor.
6. So, by the time Elijah emerges, Israel is as bad as she has ever been.
7. This is when God raises up Elijah to confront the evil of the day.
8. There is a principle here: God uses people.
9. The question we must answer: Am I willing to be used?

I. The Times Of Elijah

- A. Sixty-two Years Of Decline
- B. Ahab & Jezebel
- C. God’s Response

II. The Call Of Elijah

- A. His character
- B. His Mission
- C. His Model

Conclusion: Elijah was called to reach a nation in decline.

1. God is looking for modern day Elijahs.
2. You may feel totally inadequate. In a way, we all are.
3. When we accept God’s call, He can and will use us just as He used Elijah!