

Elijah

Elijah was an Old Testament prophet during the time when the kingdom was divided. The Bible tells us that when King Solomon died and his son Rehoboam succeeded him, the country was split into two kingdoms; the kingdom of Israel to the north and the kingdom of Judah in the south.

Elijah was a Tishbite. meaning he came from Tishbeh in Gilead. He is sometimes known as Elias or Eliyahu. His name means, “The Lord is God”. He had a wild appearance and wore rough garments. He was passionate, even angry at times. He was courageous yet suffered from depression, self- condemnation, anxiety and fear.

Elijah loved God and God used him to speak to the people of Israel, preparing them for repentance and bringing them back to God. Through his actions and his faithfulness he continually demonstrated the power and presence of God. In the gospels John the Baptist, shows the same spirit and power that Elijah demonstrated in the Old Testament, calling the people to repentance and pointing the way to Jesus.

Elijah was an ambassador, a miracle worker, and a warrior for God. If you want to read more about the events of his life you can find them here:

- 1 Kings 17:1-7 - Elijah foretells of a drought
- 1 Kings 17:8-16 – Elijah and the widow of Zaraphath
- 1 Kings 17: 17-24 – Elijah revives a child
- 1 Kings 19:1-18 Elijah flees and meets God at Mount Horeb
- 1 Kings 19: 19 – 21 Elisha becomes Elijah’s disciple
- 2 Kings 1:1-16 - Elijah denounces King Ahaziah