

Week 22
1 Kings 17-19, 21; 2 Kings 1-2
The Prophets and Elijah

We are now at a point in the history of Israel and Judah where prophets take on a central role. The greatest of the prophets is Elijah, even though he is not one of the writing prophets. The stature of Elijah is clearly seen in two ways—like Moses, there is no evidence of physical death. He is transported up out of sight by a fiery chariot. Like Moses, he is on the Mount of Transfiguration with Jesus. Moses is the beginning of the Law, and Elijah is the beginning of the era of the prophets. He certainly is not the first prophet, but he is the pre-eminent prophet.

The Outline: The Prophets and Elijah

The Prophets and The Priests

- The duties of the priest
 - Sacrificial intercession in the temple
 - Teaching the law in the cities
- The duties of the prophets
 - Preach reform and return to the law
 - Call to repentance and right conduct
 - Revelation and warning of future judgment

Elijah The Prophet 1 Kings 17-19, 21; 2 Kings 1-2

- 17:1-7 Elijah predicts a drought
- 17:8-16 Elijah and the widow of Sidon
- 17:17-24 Elijah raises the widow's only son
- 18:1-19 Elijah commands Obadiah to call Ahab to a meeting
- 18:20-40 Elijah defeats the prophets of Baal: the "rain god"
- 18:41-46 Elijah prays to the Lord for rain
- 19:1-8 Elijah flees from Jezebel in great fear and despair
- 19:9-12 The Lord speaks to Elijah in a gentle voice
- 19:13-18 The Lord sends Elijah with an encouraging word
- 19:19-21 Elijah calls Elisha
- 21:17-29 Elijah condemns Ahab and Ahab repents
- 2 Kings** 1:1-18 Elijah and Ahaziah: Calling down fire from heaven
- 2:1-14 Elijah transported: Going up in fire to heaven