

Chapter 17

When Ahab was king of Israel, in the 9th century B.C., Elijah was a prophet of the Lord.

Elijah told Ahab there would be no rain for a long time because the people were following the cult of Baal.

Elijah did miracles in the name of the Lord: he blessed a poor widow's food to make it increase, and he brought back to life a young boy who had died.

Dear God, please bless our prayers
as you blessed the prayers of Elijah

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In the 3rd year of drought, the Lord sent Elijah to speak to Ahab.

Elijah got Ahab to gather all the people and all the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel.

Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal to produce fire to consume a sacrificed bull.

Elijah mocked the false prophets as they ranted and raved and cut themselves, but produced no fire for their bull.

Then Elijah got the people to pour water on his bull and he prayed to God to hear his prayer.

A fire from heaven then consumed the bull and the people acknowledged the Lord as God.

Elijah then told Ahab there would soon be rain, and the sky grew dark and produced torrents of rain.

Dear God, please help people not to follow false gods