

March 7, 2021
Elijah 1



Key Scriptures

1Ki 16:29-34 Now Ahab the son of Omri became king over Israel in the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years. (30) Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD more than all who were before him. (31) It came about, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he married Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went to serve Baal and worshiped him. (32) So he erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal which he built in Samaria. (33) Ahab also made the Asherah. Thus Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel than all the kings of Israel who were before him. (34) In his days Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho; he laid its foundations with the loss of Abiram his firstborn, and set up its gates with the loss of his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which He spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.

Jos 6:26 NASB Then Joshua made them take an oath at that time, saying, "Cursed before the LORD is the man who rises up and builds this city Jericho; with the loss of his firstborn he shall lay its foundation, and with the loss of his youngest son he shall set up its gates."

The Big Point:

We all are looking forward to achieving our dreams and fulfilling our potential. We are told to keep our eye on the prize and keep the past in the rear view mirror. But sometimes in life we need to look back to go forward. We have to remember where we came from, realize how we got here, and then figure out how to go forward. In this message series we are going to study the story of Elijah and the story Israel tried to recapture as they plotted their future.

One 10 AM Service

Remind your Life Group that we are moving to one 10 AM service until we get past this crazy time. Thank everyone who has served the church in this time. We want to protect our serving teams and

Important points from the message:

- Israel asked three questions we should ask:
 - Where are we in relation to God's will?
 - How did we get here?
 - How do we get where God is taking us?
- You may not have power over the past but you have authority over the future.

Important quote:

- *God's ways produce God's protection.*
- *You may not have power over the past, but you have authority over the future.*

Questions that may get your group talking.

- Talk about a situation where you look back through a new lens and see it very differently.
- What is a life lesson you like to share with others?
- Did you understand the story of Ahab and Jezebel?

Questions that may get your group thinking.

- How do you use your godly influence to help other people?
- How was the story make you think of your life?
- What Jericho's in your life has the enemy tried to rebuild?

Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Text GoRLC to 97000 and sign up for a ministry team.
- Share your journey with someone.