

Bible Project Video

Elijah and the Prophets of Baal: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/elijah>

Week 21

May 25, 2026 – May 31, 2026

BIBLE STUDY COMPANION GUIDE

Main Sermon Passage

1 Kings 18:20-39

Study Passages of the Week

1 Kings 13-19; Psalm 37

Theme or Focus

The Fire Falls: God Alone is God

1 Kings 13-17 introduces a period of prophetic confrontation as Israel's kings lead the nation deeper into idolatry, particularly under Ahab and Jezebel. Elijah emerges as a prophet who calls the people back to covenant faithfulness, demonstrating God's power through drought and provision.

Chapter 18 climaxes with the contest on Mount Carmel, where God answers by fire, proving His supremacy over Baal. Chapter 19 then shows Elijah's weakness and God's gentle restoration, reminding us that God works both in power and in quiet faithfulness.

Psalm 37 reinforces trust in the Lord amid evil and injustice, encouraging patience and confidence in God's ultimate justice. Together, these passages emphasize that God alone is worthy of worship and that His power and faithfulness stand above all false gods.

Memory Verse

1 Kings 18:39 - *“When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, ‘The LORD-he is God! The LORD -he is God!’”*

What does this passage teach about the nature of true worship?

How does Psalm 37 encourage trust in God during times of injustice?

Fill in the Blanks

Elijah challenged the prophets of _____ on Mount Carmel.

The God who answers by _____ is the true God. (1 Kings 18)

After the victory, Elijah fled into the _____. (1 Kings 19)

God spoke to Elijah in a gentle _____.

“Trust in the LORD and do _____.” (Psalm 37)

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Reflection & Discussion

What conditions in Israel led to Elijah’s confrontation with the prophets of Baal?

What is the significance of God answering by fire on Mount Carmel?

How does Elijah’s experience in 1 Kings 19 reveal both strength and weakness?