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## The Rise of Elijah

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1 KINGS 17:1





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WHAT IS THE POSITION WE HAVE TAKEN IN OUR WALK WITH GOD?



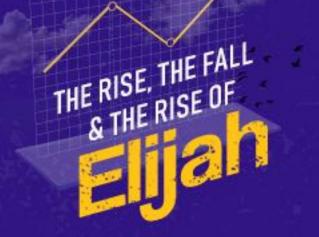


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# Who is Elijah?

### **HE WAS FED BY RAVENS.**

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# The Fall of Elijah

### **HE FAILED TO DEFEND THE** PEOPLE.

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#### 1 KINGS 19:9-10 & 1 KINGS 19:13-14

# GOD

### "WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, ELIJAH?"

#### **ELIJAH:**

I have been zealous for the Lord God of Israel;

Because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant,

Torn down Your altars, and Killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they seek to take my life.

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## 2 Problems with Elijah

### HE BECAME TOO PREOCCUPIED WITH HIMSELF.





### HE BECAME AN ACCUSER **INSTEAD OF A DEFENDER OF THE** PEOPLE HE WAS CALLED TO.



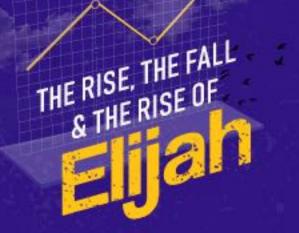
"Then Moses answered and said, "But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, 'The Lord has not appeared to you."



EXODUS 4:1







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According to Jewish Traditions, God answered Moses: **"THEY ARE BELIEVERS AND** CHILDREN OF BELIEVERS, BUT YOU (MOSES) WILL ULTIMATELY NOT BELIEVE."



## The Rise Again of Elijah

"Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria.<sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place...<sup>18</sup> Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

1 KINGS 19:15-16, 18





