

PROPHET OF FIRE & RAIN—Drought & Trust By Pastor Robby Bradford

(1 Kings 16:29-33 NLT) **Ahab** son of Omri began to rule over **Israel** in the thirty-eighth year of King Asa's reign in **Judah**. He reigned in Samaria twenty-two years. But Ahab son of Omri did what was **evil** in the Lord's sight, even **more than any of the kings before him**. And as though it were not enough to follow the example of Jeroboam, he married **Jezebel**, the daughter of King Ethbaal of the Sidonians, and **he began to bow down in worship of Baal**. First Ahab **built a temple** and an **altar** for Baal in Samaria. Then he set up an Asherah pole. **He did more to provoke the anger of the Lord**, the God of Israel, **than any of the other kings of Israel before him**.

- **Your choices position you for blessing or correction.**

(1 Kings 16:34 NLT) It was during his reign that Hiel, a man from Bethel, rebuilt Jericho. When he laid its foundations, **it cost him the life of his oldest son**, Abiram. And when he completed it and set up its gates, **it cost him the life of his youngest son**, Segub. This all happened according to the message from the Lord concerning Jericho spoken by Joshua son of Nun.

- **Your sins *always* have ripples that impact those closest to you.**

(1 Kings 17:1 NLT) Now **Elijah**, who was from Tishbe in Gilead, told King Ahab, "As surely as the Lord, the God of Israel, lives—the God I serve—**there will be no dew or rain** during the next few years **until I give the word!**"

- **No matter what people or powers declare, **God is still in control**.**

(1 Kings 17:2-4 NLT) Then the Lord said to Elijah, "Go to the east and hide by **Kerith** Brook, near where it enters the Jordan River. Drink from the brook and eat what the ravens bring you, for I have commanded them to bring you food."

- **God's plans for you always require trust.**

(1 Kings 17:5-6 NLT) So Elijah did as the Lord told him and camped beside Kerith Brook, east of the Jordan. The **ravens brought him bread and meat** each morning and evening, and he drank from the brook.

- **Miracles are built on the foundation of obedience.**

(1 Kings 17:7 NLT) But after a while **the brook dried up**, for there was no rainfall anywhere in the land.

- **Trust God when the brook runs dry.**