

Persevering in an Apostate World: The Life and Ministry of Elijah and Elisha

Week Two – *Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab ...*

1. Review

a. Immediate Context (I Kings 16:21-34)

b. Baal

2. OT Hermeneutics: the “former” prophets

3. Elijah’s message (I Kings 17:1)

a. To whom was the message directed?

b. What was the message?

c. What was the meaning and significance of the message?

- Deuteronomy 28:15, 20-24

- Jeremiah 3:1-3; 14:22

- Malachi 4:5-6

4. God’s Provision (I Kings 17:2-13)

a. *“Depart from here ...”* (3-7)

b. *“Arise, go to Zarephath ...”* (8-13)

5. The Miracles (I Kings 17:14-24)

a. *“The jar of flour shall not be spent ...”* (13-16)

b. *“See, your son lives.”* (17-24)

c. Broad Theme: Reconciliation and Redemption

“What is unique to the miracle is the assertion of absolutely divine supernatural power. The efficient cause of the miracle is something that man can contribute nothing to, because it is wholly dependent on the putting forth of the direct supernatural energy of God.” (emphasis mine)<sup>1</sup>

1. How are covenant-breakers under the weight of the covenant curse reconciled to God?
2. Ephesians 2:1-10
3. 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2
4. The Eschatology of Elijah (James 5:10; 15-18)

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<sup>1</sup> Geerhardus Vos, *Biblical Theology* (Carlisle, PA: BOT, 2000), 388.