

# Where Is the God of Elijah? The Spirit and the Word

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Text: Zechariah 4:5-6 Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, “Do you not know what these are?” And I said, “No, my lord.” <sup>6</sup>So he answered and said to me: “This *is* the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ Says the Lord of hosts.”

## **Elijah the Tishbite**

Reference verses: 1 Kings 17:1; Luke 4:25; James 5:17-18

1. Why is Elijah’s name significant to the story?

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2. Both Jesus and James state the time of the famine was three and a half years. Why do you think there was no mention by Elijah that the famine would be three and a half years long?

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Reference verses: 2 Chronicles 7:13-14

3. What does the absence of rain signify regarding the spiritual condition of the people?

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4. In worshipping Baal and Ashtoreth, the people of Israel were saying they believed the forces of nature were under their control. How is reflected in the mindset of the people today?

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Reference verses: 1 Kings 18:1-2, 5

5. What is the irony of Ahab’s search for water?

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## **The Great Drought**

Reference verses: Revelation 11:1-13

6. The physical drought during the time of Elijah is prophetically fulfilled by what event?

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7. What other parallels can you find between the stories in 1 Kings and Revelation.

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Reference verses: Hebrews 5:12-14

8. In what ways do Paul's words find fulfillment today, and why is this a problem?

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## **An Abundance of Rain**

Reference verses: 1 Kings 18:1, 41-42; Exodus 24:9-11

9. What does God want to do in making a covenant with His people?

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Reference verses: 1 Kings 18:44-46; Joel 2:23-24

10. How does the story of Elijah help clarify when the latter rain of the Holy Spirit will fall upon God's people?

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11. What are you doing to make sure to receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and avoid the spiritual drought of today?

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