

ELIJAH and the PROPHETS OF BAAL

Voice parts:

1. **Narrator One** – 7 parts
2. **Narrator Two** – 7 parts
3. **Obadiah** - 2 parts (part 2 fairly long)
4. **Ahab** – 2 parts
5. **Elijah** – 10 parts
6. **People** – 1 line

SCENE 1 – Gate Scene

4 Puppets: Narrator 1, 2, Ahab

Narrator One – part 1:

Shalom my friends! We are going to tell you an amazing story found in 1 Kings chapter 18. This is about the prophet Elijah and the prophets of Baal.

It so happened after many days the Word of YAHWEH came to Elijah telling him to Go, show himself to Ahab, and He will give rain on the face of the ground. **So**, Elijah went to Ahab because the famine in Samaria was severe.

Narrator Two – part 1:

Now, Ahab called to Obadiah, who was over the house. Obadiah greatly feared YAHWEH and when Jezebel cut off the prophets of YAHWEH, Obadiah took a hundred prophets and hid fifty of them in a cave, and fed them bread and water.

Ahab - part 1:

Obadiah! Go through the land to all the fountains of water, and to all the torrents; perhaps we may find grass and keep alive horse and mule, and will not cut off any of the livestock.

Narrator One - part 2:

Ahab and Obadiah divided the land to themselves, to pass over into it; Ahab went in one way by himself, and Obadiah went in another way by himself.

Obadiah was in the highway; and behold, Elijah came to meet him. He recognized him, and he fell on his face,

SCENE 2 – Field Scene

3 Puppets: Obadiah, Elijah, Narrator 2

Obadiah - part 1:

Are you this one, my master Elijah?

Elijah - part 1:

I am; Go, say to your master, Behold, Elijah!

Obadiah- part 2:

What have I sinned, that you are giving your servant into the hand of Ahab to kill me?

As YAHWEH your Elohim lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my master has not sent to seek you; and when they said, He is not here, then he caused the kingdom and the nation to swear that it did not find you.

And now, you are saying, Go, say to your master, Behold, Elijah. It shall be, I will go away from you, and the Spirit of YAHWEH will lift you up, where I do not know, and I will come to tell Ahab, and he will not find you, and he will kill me. And your servant has feared YAHWEH from my youth.

Was it not told to my master that which I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of YAHWEH, that I hid a hundred men of the prophets, fifty by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water? And now you are saying, Go, say to your master, Behold, Elijah, and he will kill me!

Elijah – part 2:

As YAHWEH of Hosts lives, before whom I stand, surely today I will be seen by him.

Narrator Two - part 2:

Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him so Ahab went to meet Elijah.

SCENE 3 – Field Scene

3 Puppets: Ahab, Elijah, Narrator 1

Ahab part 2:

Elijah, are you this one, the disturber of Israel?

Elijah – part 3:

I have not disturbed Israel, but you and the house of your father, in that you have forsaken the commandments of YAHWEH, and you have gone after the Baals.

Gather all Israel to me, to Mount Carmel and four hundred and fifty of the prophets of Baal, and four hundred of the prophets of the Asherah, who eat at the table of Jezebel.

Narrator One - part 3:

Ahab sent among all the sons of Israel and gathered the prophets to Mount Carmel. Elijah came near all the people.

SCENE 4 – Mount Carmel

3 (+extras) Puppets: Elijah, Narrator 1, 2, Many People

Elijah – part 4:

Until when are you limping over two opinions? If YAHWEH is Elohim, follow Him; and if Baal, follow him.

***** (People are silent – no words)*

Elijah – part 5:

I am the only one of who remains a prophet of YAHWEH; but the prophets of Baal are four hundred and fifty men.

Let them give us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and place it on the wood, and place no fire. I will prepare the other bull and will put it on the wood, and I will not place fire.

You shall call on the name of your Elohim; and I will call on the name of YAHWEH; and it shall be, the Elohim who answers by fire, he is the Elohim.

People: *(All together)*

The word is good.

Elijah – part 6:

Prophets of Baal! Choose the one bull for yourself, and prepare first, for you are many; and you call on the name of your Elohim, but place no fire.

Narrator Two – part 3:

So, they took the bull that was given to them, and prepared, and called on the name of Baal from the morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, answer us! There was no sound, and no one was answering; and they hopped about the altar that had been made.

It happened at noon, that Elijah taunted them...

Elijah – part 7:

Call with a loud voice, for he is a Elohim; for he is meditating, or on the toilet, or on a journey; it may be he is asleep and must be awakened.

Narrator One – part 4:

They called with a loud voice, and cut themselves, according to their custom, with swords and with spears until blood gushed out on them. As noon passed by, they prophesied madly until the offering up of the offering; and no sound came, and no one was answering, and no one was paying attention.

Elijah – part 8:

People! Come near to me.

Narrator Two – part 4:

And all the people came near to him; and he healed the altar of YAHWEH that had been broken down.

Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the Word of YAHWEH came, saying, Israel shall be your name.

Narrator One – part 5:

He built an altar with the stones in the name of YAHWEH, and made a trench as large as two seahs of seed in space around the altar.

He arranged the wood, and cut the bull in pieces, and placed it on the wood,

Elijah – part 9:

Now, fill four water jars of water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood.

Do it twice and do it a third time!

Narrator Two – part 5:

The water went around the altar, and also he filled the trench with water.

And it happened at the offering of the sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near the altar saying...

Elijah – part 10:

O YAHWEH, the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known today that You are Elohim in Israel, and I am Your servant, that by Your Word I have done all these things.

Answer me, O YAHWEH, answer me; and this people shall know that You are YAHWEH Elohim; and You shall turn their hearts back again.

SCENE 5 – Mount Carmel

2 Puppets: Narrator 1, 2

Narrator One – part 6:

Fire fell from YAHWEH and consumed the burnt offering, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and the water that was in the trench it was licked up.

ALL the people saw, and fell on their faces, and said, YAHWEH, He is the Elohim; YAHWEH, He is the Elohim!

Narrator Two – part 6:

Elijah told the people to seize the prophets of Baal and to not let any of them escape! They caught the prophets of Baal, and Elijah brought them down to the torrent of the Kishon and killed them there.

Elijah went to the top of Mount Carmel to pray to Yahweh and the rains came!

Narrator One – part 7:

You see, the people were following the false prophets of Baal and not serving Yahweh. So, Elijah had a contest with the prophets of Baal to show the people who the true Elohim was. The prophets could not make their god respond to them. But when Elijah called on Yahweh, Yahweh burned up the whole altar and even the water around it! WOW! Praise Yahweh! The people saw the power of Yahweh and that He was the one true Elohim they should serve!

Narrator Two – part 7:

We hope you enjoyed the lesson on Elijah and the Prophets of Baal! Shalom and Yahweh bless!