

# The Lion or the Chicken?

1 Kings 18-19  
(series #3)

**Introduction:** Baal worship in the northern kingdom of Israel  
- Ahab and his wife, Jezebel, ruled in Israel  
- Ahab built a temple for Baal worship in Samaria

**I. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Year of the Drought and Famine vv. 1-2**

- A. It came as a result of Elijah's prayers - James 5:17
- B. It was a judgement from God - Lev. 26, Deut. 11, 28
- C. It involved no dew or rain
- D. Its purpose was to elicit repentance

**II. The Appearance to Obadiah vv. 3-19**

**III. The Contest on Mt. Carmel vv. 20-40**

- A. The people needed to choose vv. 20-21
- B. Who is the true God? vv. 22-40

**IV. The Resumption of Rain in Israel vv. 41-46**

**V. Jezebel's Threat and Elijah's Response vv. 1-4**

- A. He fled to Beersheba, 100 miles away!
- B. He went a day's journey into the wilderness
- C. He prayed to die!

**VI. God's "Shepherding" of His Prophet vv. 5-14**

- A. God gave Elijah food, drink, and rest
- B. God taught Elijah that He works "behind the scenes"

**VII. God's Instructions to His Prophet vv. 15-18**

**Concluding Application:** God's gracious work in all our lives