



BIBLE LESSONS TO LIGHT THE WAY

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NOTE TO THE TEACHER

The lessons in this volume have been prepared especially for use with *No Darkness at All*. These two volumes, used together, provide enough correlated material for five or ten class periods. However, each volume may be used separately if you prefer.

Display each illustration where indicated in text, laying volume aside when the story line continues beyond the picture.

Lesson 1

ELIJAH AND THE PROPHETS OF BAAL

Scripture to be studied: 1 Kings 17-18; James 5:17

The verse to be memorized:

Jesus saith unto him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)



Show Illustration #1

King Ahab and Queen Jezebel were rulers over God's people, the Israelites. They were very rich and lived in a beautiful palace.

One day their eyes popped open wide. A strange man—a poor farmer—walked right into their royal presence. That should have meant immediate death for the farmer. Instead—because they were

so surprised—the king and queen listened in amazement to the man's message:

"As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word." That was all...and he was gone!

Who was he? What did he mean? Wicked Queen Jezebel shook her fist. "I've had men killed for things less serious than this. Who does he think he is—bursting into the presence of the king, and making such a statement? No dew or rain according to his word! Find out where he came from!" Jezebel shouted the orders. (Jezebel did not know who he was. But we know! His name was Elijah. He came from the rough country across the river.)

Does he have any right to say it will not rain until he says so? Ahab and Jezebel wondered.

Would you like to know if Elijah did have the right to say that it would not rain until he said it would? Listen, and I will tell you!



Show Illustration #2

Elijah was in his homeland when the first news came to him about Ahab, the King of God's people, Israel. Ahab had married the daughter of a Gentile. What a dreadful thing! God had said His people were to marry only those of their own land, those who knew and worshiped the true and living God. But their leader had married a heathen. Soon the news came that the king's heathen wife had brought

her false, make-believe gods into the land which belonged to God's people. Later Elijah heard that King Ahab had built for his wife, Queen Jezebel, a temple for her make-believe gods (idols). Every day more and more of God's special people, the Israelites, were worshiping the false gods. Elijah was terribly upset. He thought about it day after day. And while he cared for his sheep on the rocky hillside, Elijah prayed. Then he remembered the Word of God.

(Teacher: Read Deuteronomy 28:15, 23-24; 11:16-17 to your students.)

"But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee...And thy Heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. The Lord shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from Heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed."

Long years ago God had spoken that word to His people. Elijah spoke back to God. "Lord, this is what You have said. Your people are disobeying You. You must punish them. You must prove that You are the one true God." And Elijah prayed that it would not rain. The Bible says he "prayed earnestly that it might not rain."