

Jehovah is God (or God is the Lord). His parentage is unknown. He was *...of the inhabitants* (I Kings 17:1) of the wild and beautiful hill country Gilead, East of Jordan. The scene of his work was the northern kingdom, a time, when under the influence of Ahab and Jezebel the people had almost entirely forsaken the worship of Jehovah and turned to the worship of the Phoenician god Baal (I Kings 16:32; 18:19).

Elijah is a type of John the Baptist (Luke 1:17). He appears with Christ in Matthew 17:1-4. Malachi 4:5,6 prophesies of his coming.

All the true prophets were inspired and moved upon by the Holy Spirit (II Peter 1:21). He was a great prophet. He was not so much a great teacher as a great hero, a man of simple faith, whose life was ruled by his consuming jealousy for Jehovah (I Kings 19:14). His recorded words are only a few, but his influence was due to a force of character, personal courage, and strength of will. He was the great influence to keep Baal worship from becoming the national religion.

At about the same time that the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel of Judah to encourage Jehoshaphat to trust God, sit still and let the Lord give the victory (II Chronicles 20:14-17), God was moving through Elijah in Northern Israel. God was moving on him to bring the people to a decision. When after 3 and one half years without rain, he met Obadiah, King Ahab's servant.

SIXTH STUDY

MIRACLES

The miracles of the Bible are numerous. It would be impossible for us to discuss all of them; but in this study, we will give an outline to help us understand what they are and offer examples of those who God wrought miracles through.

Described As:

Signs (Acts 4:30); Wonders (Acts 6:8); Works (John 10:25-38)

Kinds Manifested Over:

Nature (Joshua 10:12-14); Animals (Numbers 22:28); Human beings (Genesis 19:26); Nations (Exodus 10:1,2); Sickness and disease (II Kings 5:10-14); Natural laws (II Kings 6:5-7); Future events (II Kings 6:8-13); Death (John 11:41-44 [New Testament])

Produced By:

God's power (Acts 15:12); Christ's power (Matthew 10:1); Holy Spirit's power (Matthew 12:28)

Designed To:

Manifest:

God's glory (John 11:40-42); Christ's glory (John 2:11); God's presence (Judges 6:11-24)

Confirm God's messengers (Exodus 4:2-9); Produce obedience (Exodus 16:4); Vindicate God (Exodus 17:4-7); Produce faith (John 20:30,31); Confirm Jesus as the Messiah (Matthew 11:2-5); Con-

firm Gospel messengers (II Corinthians 12:12); Authenticate the Gospel (Romans 15:18,19); Fulfill prophecy (John 12:37-41)

Their Effect Upon People:

Forced acknowledgement (John 11:47; Acts 4:16); Amazement (Mark 6:49-51); Faith (John 2:23; John 11:42); God glorified (Matthew 9:1-8)

False Miracles:

Not to be followed (Deuteronomy 13:1-3); Sign of Antichrist (II Thessalonians 2:3,9; Revelation 13:13,14); Predicted by Christ (Matthew 24:24)

MIRACLES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Creation (Genesis 1:1-27); Enoch's translation (Genesis 5:24); The Flood (Genesis 7:17-24); Confusion of tongues at Babel (Genesis 11:3-9); Sodomites blinded (Genesis 19:11); Cities destroyed (Genesis 19:24,25); Lot's wife turned to a pillar of salt (Genesis 19:26); Ass speaking (Numbers 22:21-35)

Miracles Associated With Moses And Aaron:

Burning bush (Exodus 3:3); Moses' rod changed into a serpent (Exodus 4:3,4,30); Moses' hand made leprous (Exodus 4:6,7,30); Aaron's rod changed into a serpent (Exodus 7:8-10)

Ten plagues:

River turned to blood (Exodus 7:20-25); Frogs (Exodus 8:1-15); Lice (Exodus 8:16-19); Flies (Exodus 8:20-24); Grievous murrain (bad sickness; Exodus 9:1-7); Boils (Exodus 9:8-12); Hail (Exodus 9:18-24); Locusts (Exodus 10:1-20); Darkness (Exodus 10:21-23); First-born destroyed (Exodus

12:29-30)

Pillar of cloud and fire (Exodus 13:21,22; 14:19,20); Crossing the Red Sea (Exodus 14:21,23); Bitter waters sweetened (Exodus 15:25); Manna sent (Exodus 16:13-36); Water from the rock at Rephidim (Exodus 17:5-8); Amalek defeated (Exodus 17:9-13); Strange fire on Aaron's sacrifice (Leviticus 9:24); Nahab and Abihu destroyed (Leviticus 10:1,2); Israel's judgment by fire (Numbers 11:1-3); Miriam's leprosy (Numbers 12:10-15); Korah destroyed (Numbers 16:31-35); Murmer not (Numbers 16:46-50); Aaron's rod blossoms (Numbers 17:8); Water from the rock in Kadesh (Numbers 20:8-11); Brazen serpent (Numbers 21:9)

Miracles Associated With Joshua :

Jordan divided (Joshua 3:14-17); Fall of Jericho (Joshua 6:6-20); Sun and moon stand still (Joshua 10:12-14)

Miracles Associated With Samson:

Angel in flame (Judges 13:20); Lion slain (Judges 14:5,6); Thirty Philistines killed (Judges 14:19); Water from the hollow place in Lehi (Judges 15:19); Gates of the city carried away (Judges 16:3); Dagon's house pulled down (Judges 16:29-30)

The Miracles Associated With Elijah:

The life of Elijah and the miracles associated with him are so profound and because he is such a colorful character, we will use him as one of the examples in this study.

Elijah is called the Tishbite; his name means