



"LUNCHTIME REVIEW"

Lesson 5: "What Happens When God Shuts Up the Rain?"

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1 Kings 17:1-3 KJV "And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, 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.** (2) And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, (3) Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook of Cherith, that is before the Jordan. (4) And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there."

- **1 Kings 18:17** "...And Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel? (18) And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but **thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou hast followed Baalim.**"

PLACE OF SIN (Verse 1)

God Reserves a Time and a Place to Deal with Sin

THIS LAND IS FACING DROUGHT (1 Kings 18:2b)

What appears as a natural drought is actually _____.

RANTS OF AN UNHEALTHY KING

DEATH is cold

- **1 Kings 16:33 KJV** "...And **Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.**"

A FAULTY KING (WHY NOT SIMPLY REMOVE THE KING?) _____

MULTIPLE CUT OFFS CAN MEAN 1 LONG DISCONNECT

Hebrews 4:12 "...The Word is living and active, sharper than a two edged sword..."

GOD HEARD THE BANTER ABOUT _____, BUT NOT TO _____.

DAYS THE PROPHET CAN COUNT ON

God Fine-tunes the Prophet's Ears

(Verse 3) **The Prophet Elijah is sent to the Rivers of Learning.**

(Verse 4) "I command the ravens" -- equivalent to **Psalms 91:10** "THERE SHALL NO EVIL BEFALL THEE"

(Verses 2-3) The Condition of the Land Changed but not the _____.

1. When the Rain Is Shut Up, _____
2. When the Rain Is Shut Up, _____
3. When the Rain Is Shut Up, _____
4. When the Rain Is Shut Up, _____
5. When the Rain Is Shut Up, _____

Finally, **When the Prophet Calls, God Will Answer**



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GOD SHUT UP RAIN

1. A _____ IS OWED.
2. THE END OF A _____.
3. GOD'S _____ WORDS.
4. THE DAY OF _____.

God Requires a Sacrifice for Sin

SEASON CHANGE

3-1/2 YEARS (912 DAYS) WITHOUT WATER (-AN UNEXPECTED TURN OFF NOTICE-)

HE CUT OFF THE WATER, NOT THE _____ (John 8:12 "...the Light of the World.")

Could this drought be a moment to observe God's holy seasons?

GOD'S HOLY SEASONS

"April Showers Bring May Flowers" (THAT'S MAN'S CALENDAR)

- ROSH HASHANAH – commemorates the creation of the world, of Adam and Eve, "the day of Judgment"

- LENT – Literally means "to cut" (to give up something; to sacrifice)

COURT IN SESSION

Similar to the times of Matthew 27:45 KJV "From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over the land."

DAYS (TIME) WITHOUT RAIN

God Shut Up Rain Before Time Began

Genesis 2:5 KJV "And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and herb of the field before it grew: for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground."

THE ATMOSPHERE OF RAIN IS INFLUENCED BY _____

IT'S TIME TO _____

JAMES 5:18 "And he (Elijah) prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit."