

1. The first coming of Elijah

- a) What do you know about Elijah? 1 Kings 17-18
- b) Why did this previously unknown prophet from Gilead confront King Ahab? 1 Kings 16:30-33
- c) What was Elijah's startling prophecy to King Ahab? 1 Kings 17:1-7
- d) How did Elijah's interaction with the widow of Zarephath demonstrate his connection with the God of heaven? 1 Kings 17:8-16, 17-24
- e) Elijah was outnumbered 450-1 on Mount Carmel. How could he be so bold and courageous in such intimidating circumstances?
- f) How did Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal expose their false teachings and demonstrate his connection with the God of heaven? 1 Kings 18:22-29, 30-39
- g) What was the essence of Elijah's message? 1 Kings 18:21
- h) What judgment came upon those who rejected the Elijah message? 1 Kings 18:40

2. The second coming of Elijah

- a) Malachi 4:5-6 When was Malachi's prophecy about the return of the prophet Elijah initially fulfilled? Luke 1:13-17
- b) How did John the Baptist prepare the way for Jesus? John 1:29-34, John 3:22-30
- c) How did John the Baptist "turn the hearts" of his hearers, as Malachi had prophesied? Matthew 3:1-12; Luke 3:15-16

- d) What words of affirmation did Jesus share concerning John the Baptist and his faithful ministry as a Messenger of the Lord? Matthew 11:7-14
- e) What impresses you the most about John the Baptist?

3. The third coming of Elijah

- a) What is the relevance of the Elijah message for families today?
- b) What call to repentance will be heard today by those who come in the spirit and power of Elijah?
- c) Who are the end-time Elijahs?
- d) How does a turning of hearts to God result in a turning of the hearts of family members toward each other?
- e) What are your thoughts about the mission "to make ready a people prepared for the Lord"? Luke 1:17
- f) How is it possible for weak, imperfect messengers to call people to repentance?
- g) What promises in the Scriptures give you assurance and encouragement as you contemplate the mission given to every follower of Jesus?

