

Carroll Norwood
Week 11 Assignment
BI 108 Old Testament Literature

1. **What year marks the beginning of King Ahab's reign?** King Ahab the son of Omri. The beginning of King Ahab's reign was during (874-853).

2. **How many years did he reign?** He became king of Israel in the thirty-eighth year of Asa, king of Judah, according to 1st Kings. King Ahab reign for 22 years.

3. **In what way did God use Elijah to help King Ahab?** God use Elijah to help King Ahab by telling in to repent. Tried to bring the nation back to God.

4. **As corrupt as Ahab was, why did God go to such an extent to help King Ahab?** God sent his warnings and waited patiently for His people to separate themselves from the pagan influences that surrounded them and to return to true worship (1 Kings 14:6-16). Now God was going to bring a severe judgment on the nation to stir them to action. God sent a message through Elijah the prophet. God gave him space to repent, God's wonderful "grace" at work.

5. **Explain in detail the evils of Jezebel.** Jezebel had a combination of two forces working within and throughout her life, she was wicked and an evil queen. The following is a detailed list of her character: She had domineering force of character; She was an Ardent idolater; She was a dominating wife; She was a treacherous schemer; She was full of jealousy. **Discuss the things she did wrong to others.** She used her husband to perform murderous acts by overpowering his hands. The tragedy of Naboth was at her hands, valuing life as cheap with murder running through her veins.

6. **It appears that Elijah had a change in mentality after the Mt. Carmel experience. Discuss this change from your perspective.** In the last message we viewed Elijah's great victory on Mt. Carmel and how he took on the false prophets of Baal. This time however we have quite a change in that Elijah's massive victory turns to massive depression. Incredible victory on Mt. Carmel only to be trailed by fear, anxiousness and panic in 1 Kings chapter 19.

Jezebel send out a warrant for Elijah decreeing his destruction within the next 24 hours. She calls forth her death from her gods if she doesn't kill Elijah. Elijah flees for his life. "Why is Elijah running from Jezebel? Elijah is human, God shows both sides of this great man. He shows his weaknesses too. Running from Jezebel was not part of God's will for his life.

Elijah goes another 15-20 miles into the desert. He is all alone. His attitude is "Lord, I have had enough. It's not worth it. I want to die."

Factors of Elijah's Depression

- A. Fatigue—Elijah was drained physically.
- B. Feelings-Elijah was also emotionally drained. Extreme emotional highs lead to deep lows.

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- C. Focusing on trials and troubles—Elijah forgot about the blessings of the past. He forgot about God. He did not dwell upon the promises of God, but upon the promise of Jezebel to kill him.
- D. Fellowship is lacking—depression feeds on loneliness Elijah has been alone through much of his ordeal. He has left his servant behind in this situation. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (KJV) Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will life up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one e warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.