

Lessons from the Life of Elijah



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INTRODUCTION



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Where does Elijah appear in the Scriptures?

Elijah appears 112X in the Scriptures . . .

50 in 1 Kings + 30 in 2 Kings + 2 in 2 Chronicles

The famous prophecy in Malachi 4:4-6

26 times in the Gospels (9 in Mark)

Paul's brief behind the scenes view of Elijah's (Romans 11:2)

Famous example of Elijah in James 5:17



Where else does Elijah appear in the Scriptures?

In the ministry of Christ as a precursor of the Great Prophet



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KEY VERSE –

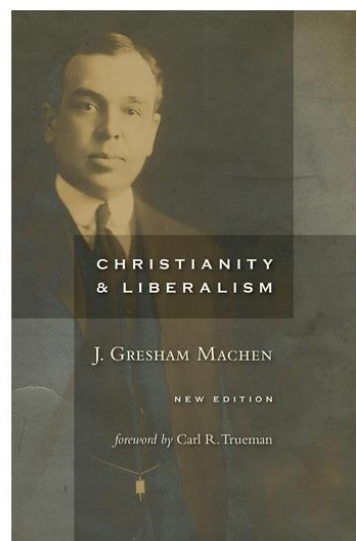
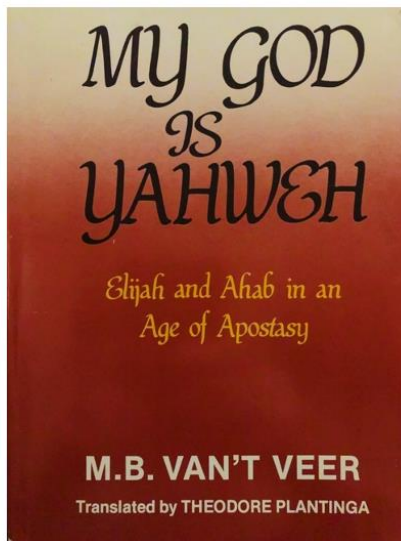
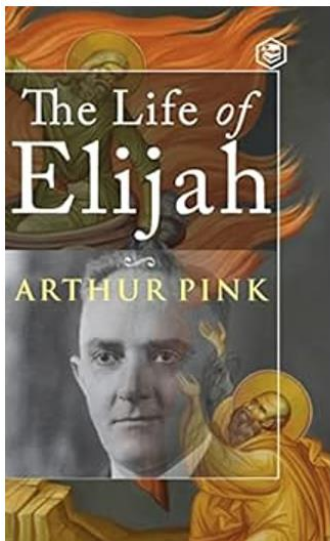
And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

– 1 John 2:17



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KEY BOOKS –





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OUTLINE BY WEEK –

1. Of Prophets and Prophecy
2. Elijah's Dramatic Appearance
3. How did we get here? A Brief History of the Old Testament
4. The Heart of the Old Testament, the WORD of the LORD
 - The significance of the Word of the Lord = 231 times in Scripture, 44X in 1 and 2 Kings
5. A Covenant Primer & A Brief Introduction to Typology
(1 Kings 16-19)



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OUTLINE BY WEEK – Continued






6. The Inscription of Grace Above the Gateway to Canaan is Erased
7. Covenant Breaking, Covenant Wrath and Covenant Blessings
8. The Lord Puts the Remnant to Work in the Service of His Word & the Lord Orders the King to Fulfill the Duties of His Theocratic Office
9. The Lord Mocks the Foolishness of Idolatry & Reveals Himself by Sending Fire
10. Elijah Flees Asking to be Released from the Battlefield & is Re-equipped for Battle
11. Christ as the Fulfillment of Elijah



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OF PROPHETS AND PROPHECY –




-  Prophecy always supposes failure and sin.
-  That evil was idolatry.
-  From the patriarchs, God separated unto Himself a favored people
-  This then supplies the key to understanding those OT books known as the “Prophets.”
-  The same principle holds true in the NT.



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OF PROPHETS AND PROPHECY –

-  Prophets in whatever age walk alone with God.
-  The nature of prophets and their message was always twofold. First, to arouse the conscience of God’s people. And second, to comfort those people in a day of ruin.
 - The tool to awaken the conscience and remind people of their responsibility and guilt is always the Word of God applied to existing conditions.
 - The tool to comfort people in a day of ruin was encouragement., directing their eyes above the ruin and fixing their eyes on future glory.
-  But these messages are never heeded by more than an insignificant number of people.



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The appearance on the scene of a prophet of God indicates . . .

1. A season of departure from the Lord (usually starting with syncretism)
2. His message is necessitated by the gross failure of those that preceded him
3. His chief work is to awaken the slumbering public conscience and to call for repentance and return to the Lord
4. His message is most unpalatable for it deals with sin, righteousness and judgment to come
5. Accordingly, his message is rejected by the masses, with only a remnant responding