

## Cave Men In The Bible — 07/11/21

**TEXT- 1 Ki 19:1-9** *And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?*

**INTRO** – Our modern educators have erroneously suggested that modern man descended from cave men of the past. The Bible does not use the term *caveman* or *Neanderthals*. So, according to the Bible there is no such thing as “prehistoric” man. The Bible gives no indication that Adam and Eve accidentally evolved from lower life forms. Unfortunately, the popular mainstream view promotes this idea that man and ape both evolved from the same ancestor. Caves were used as a place to escape or hide. They were never a superior place to live.

Elijah was running from the queen  
David hiding from the Philistines and from King Saul  
Lot hid from the destruction of Sodom  
Sara, Abraham, Isaac, Rebekah and Lea were all buried in the Cave Machpelah.  
Five kings of Canaan were trapped and later killed by Joshua in the Cave Makkedah  
Caves were a place for the dead not he living.

### I. Elijah Sought Refuge in the Cave at Mt. Horeb

**1 Kings 19:9** *And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?*

- A. Elijah wrought a great victory
- B. Elijah feared Queen Jezebel
- C. Elijah became depressed

### II. Elijah Was Touched and Instructed by an Angel of God

- A. The angel gave him food and water
- B. The second time the Angel gave him instruction
- C. He travelled forty days to Mt. Horeb

Mount Horeb, also called Mount Sinai and the Mountain of God in the Bible, is where God appeared a number of times. The first mention is in Exodus 3:1 when God appeared to Moses in the burning bush in order to send him to free the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

**Exo 3:12** *And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.*

**Exo 17:6** *Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.*  
**The Ten Commandments were given Exodus 19-20**

### III. Elijah Met The Lord at Mt. Horeb

- A. Elijah questioned his calling – *What doest thou here?*
- B. Elijah was confronted by the Lord
- C. Elijah was redirected for to his ministry

### IV. Elijah Passed on his Mantle to Elisha

- A. He served alone but there were thousands who had not bowed
- B. He anointed Hazael king of Syria and Jehu to ne king over Israel.
- C. Elijah passed on his ministry to Elisha
- D. Elijah is returning in the future

**Mal 4:5-6** *Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.*

Christ was mistaken for Elijah because he came in the spirit of Elijah.  
Elijah appears along with Moses at the transfiguration  
Some at the cross mistakenly thought Jesus was calling for Elijah to come for him.

John the Baptist came in the spirit of Elijah

**CONCL-** The legacy of Elijah is a great one.