

The New Testament Church
Revival #6: Revival under Elijah and Elisha: Passing the Mantel
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1st Kings 19:11-21; James 5:17-20

I What is Revival and when does it Come?

- A. Revival means to come alive again – meaning we have grown cold and withered
- B. God uses dry hearts and a dark culture to produce desperation for hunger and thirst
 - 1. The revival of Enosh – first in the Bible – *calling on the name of the Lord*
 - 2. The revival of Jacob – *calling on God from a place of brokenness*
 - 3. The revival of Joseph – *God prepared him to preserve life and impact Egypt*
 - 4. The revival of Samuel – *There is always hope for revival begins in the heart and family!*
 - 5. The revival of Asa and Jehoshaphat – *Awakening and Reformation: Stand Still!*

II The revival under Elijah and Elisha – 1st Kings 19:11-21

- A. Reign of Ahab and Jezebel - revival in the midst of a wicked culture – *ministering as a remnant*
 - 1. Israel is backslidden, Ahab (874-853) is King, and Jezebel (Phoenician) is Queen
 - 2. The culture is backslidden and wicked and killing the prophets
 - 3. The Spirit causes prophets to appear out of nowhere, and then go into hiding
- B. Elijah – 870 BC - appears out of nowhere to confront Ahab, King of Israel – 1st Kings 17-18
 - 1. Revival often seems to appear out of nowhere, so let's expect the same today!
 - 2. Remnant prophets learn to live by faith – fed by ravens until the brook dries up (get ready)
 - 3. They minister to widows and revive their sons for hope in the future (bring spiritual life)
 - 4. Three years later, he meets Obadiah who has hidden God's prophets, will you meet Ahab?
 - a. Will you confront Ahab? Or will you disappear again! I have risked my life!
 - b. *Is that you, O troubler of Israel?* No, it is forsaking God that troubles a nation!
 - c. Gather all Israel and 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Asherah to Mt. Carmel
 - d. Elijah prays the fire of God on the offering; drought ends (he prays for rain 7 times)
 - 5. Jezebel's death threat on Elijah causes him to flee with this attitude:
 - a. *It is enough! Now Lord, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!*
 - b. God miraculously fed him, and he went 40 more days to Mt Horeb (into a cave)
 - c. *Why are you here? I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they seek to take my life.*
 - d. A strong wind, an earthquake, a fire, but God was in the still small voice!
 - e. *Go return, anoint Hazael King of Syria, Jehu King of Israel, and Elisha your replacement*
 - f. **Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him**
- C. Elisha anointed – 865 – he is about 20 years old
 - 1. 1st Kings 19:19 – Elijah throws his mantle on Elisha who is plowing with the 12th yoke...
 - 2. Kissed parents goodbye, threw a cookout barbeque, and apprenticed under Elijah 23 years
 - 3. What price is required to get a “double portion” of the anointing of the previous generation?
 - a. Elijah needed a deep work of humility in order to pass the torch heart to heart
 - b. Elisha had to commit to continue the three schools of the prophets
 - 1. Gilgal – “circle of stones” – first place to camp after crossing Jordan - memorial
 - 2. Bethel – “house of God” – 11 miles north of Jerusalem – Abram's altar to God
 - 3. Jericho – “self awareness and self-knowledge” – first place taken in the promised land
 - c. Elisha had to “see Elijah” (his heart) when taken – with 50 prophets standing at a distance
 - 4. Elisha ministered 70 yrs; 7 year drought; raised two from dead; miracles (all double Elijah's)