

James 5:17~ **Elijah was a man with feelings like ours, and yet in prayer he prayed for it not to rain; and it did not rain upon the land for three years and six months.**

1· James now shows that Elijah was a man with the same feelings that all other men have, who knew that the very lives of mankind depend upon the rain he gives from the heavens to make things grow and produce. Yet in prayer, he prayed to God for the rain to be withheld, and it was withheld for three and one half years, because this righteous man asked for it, and to humble wicked king Ahab.

[Question] What does James show that Elijah surely knew and felt?

[Question] Yet what did Elijah pray for it not to do again, and how was his prayer answered?

2· And saying; Men, why are you doing these things? We also are humans having the same infirmities as you do, and are declaring the Good News to you, for you to turn from these vain things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all the things in them. (Acts of Apostles 14:15)

[Question] How did Paul express himself to a crowd that wanted to worship him over a miraculous works he performed before them?

3· And Elijah the Tishbite from the inhabitants of Gilead proceeded to say to Ahab; As Yehowah the God of Israel before whom I do stand is living, there will occur during these **years neither dew nor **rain**, except at the order of my word! (1 Kings 17:1)**

[Question] What did Elijah pray for it not to do, and how did this affect the land of Israel?

4· Moses now went out of the city from Pharaoh and spread his hands up to Yehowah, and the thunders and the hail began to stop, and **rain did not pour down on the earth. (Exodus 9:33)**

[Question] What happened when Moses went out from before Pharaoh at the word of Moses?

5· Is it not wheat harvest today? I shall call to Yehowah that he may give thunders and **rain. Then know and see, that**

your evil is abundant that you have done in the eyes of Yehowah in asking for yourselves a king. (1 Samuel 12:17)

[Question] What did Samuel ask for, to show the people Yehowah God's extreme displeasure at them, for asking for a king to guide them?

[Question] What would such a request, if fulfilled, do to their crops?

- 6· **And it came about after many days that Yehowah's own word came to Elijah in the third year, saying; Go, show yourself to Ahab, as I am determined to give rain upon the surface of the ground. (1 Kings 18:1)**

[Question] Then after three and one-half years of drought, how did Yehowah God alert Elijah to its end?

- 7· **And Ahab proceeded to go up to eat and drink. As for Elijah, he went up to the top of Carmel and began crouching to the earth and keeping his face put between his knees. (1 Kings 18:42)**

[Question] Where then, did Elijah go to while waiting for it to rain?

- 8· **When the heavens are shut up so that no rain occurs, because they kept sinning against you, and they actually pray toward this place and laud your name, and from their sin they turn back because you kept afflicting them. (2 Chronicles 6:26)**

[Question] How did Solomon pray for Yehowah God to bring rains if the people repented?

- 9· **For instance, I tell you in truth; There were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, so that a great famine fell upon all the land. (Luke 4:25)**

[Question] Whom did Yehowah God send Elijah to be with during that drought, even though there were many widows in Israel?

- 10· **These have the authority to shut up heaven that no rain should fall during the days of their prophesying, and they have authority over the waters to turn them into blood and to strike the earth with every sort of plague as often as they wish. (Revelation 11:6)**

[Question] What do the two witnesses of God have authority to do in the Lord's day, like Moses and Elijah did in their day?