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THE STORY OF ELIJAH. 1 Kings 17-19.

1. He comes of the scene suddenly. 1 K.17:1.
His name means "Whose God is Jehovah."
He is also called Elias. See N.T. later.
His rare, sudden & brief appearance.
His undaunted and fiery zeal.
The brilliancy of his triumphs.
The pathos of his despondency.
The glory of his departure.
The calm beauty of his reappearance on the
mount of Transfiguration.
All the above throw a halo of brightness
around him, singling him out in the O.T.
2. He came on the scene in the time of Ahab. His
ministry was to the nation of Israel.
Note the history of Ahab. He was the son of
Omri, who was the worst of the kings to that time.
Ahab was worse than his father. 1.K.16:33
3. He came on the scene at a time of great spir-
itual declension. 1 K. 16:25-34. Cf.18:21.
See also Ch.19:10, 14. *"Baal" worship.*
This was the cause of the time of famine.
Deut.11:16-17; Deut.28: Lev.26:34-43.
4. He was a Prophet of the "Living" God. 17:1/
 - a. He represented the Lord God of Israel. 17:1
 - b. He spoke of Him as the "Living" One. 1.
 - c. His ministry is seen in the phrase, "Before whom I stand." Vs.1.
 - d. He knew the mind of God, and declared it.
He knew the statements of God's Word, re the
results of spiritual declension. See point 3.
He knew the famine in the land was the result
of the spiritual famine, which preceded it.
He knew that when the nation should return to
God, the famine would be taken away.
Therefore what seemed like a big presumptuous
statement was merely the statement of a man,
living in fellowship with God in prayer, and
from the knowledge of what God had revealed
in His Word. In this case, in a special way
to the Prophet.