

ELIJAH—Battling The Darkness
Expose The Enemy
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DAYS OF ELIJAH

Ahab son of Omri did more evil in the eyes of the LORD than any of those before him. 1 Kings 16:30 (TNIV)

WRONG TURNS

1. Dilute God and His Truth

He...considered it trivial to commit the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat... 1 Kings 16:31 (TNIV)

"To whom will you compare me? Who is my equal?" asks the Holy One. Isaiah 40:25 (NLT)

2. Replace God

...he also married Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and began to serve Baal and worship him. 1 Kings 16:31 (TNIV)

Ahab set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal that he built in Samaria. 1 Kings 16:32 (TNIV)

"You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below." Exodus 20:3 (NIV)

RIGHT TURNS

1. God Gets Angry & Involved

Ahab...did more to arouse the anger of the LORD, the God of Israel, than did all the kings of Israel before him. 1 Kings 16:33 (TNIV)

In Ahab's time, Hiel of Bethel rebuilt Jericho. He laid its foundations at the cost of his firstborn son Abiram, and he set up its gates at the cost of his youngest son Segub, in accordance with the word of the LORD spoken by Joshua son of Nun. 1 Kings 16:34 (TNIV)

But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness. Romans 1:18 (NLT)

2. God Brings His Light

Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead... 1 Kings 17:1 (TNIV)

I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. John 12:46 (TNIV)