

## ***“When Your Brook Dries Up”***

**INTRODUCTION:** Elijah was born in a difficult time in Israel.

**1 Kings 16:30-31** – Why is Jezebel mentioned?

1 She Was The Dominant Partner In The Marriage.

2 She Brought Baal Worship Into Prominence.

- Baal was the god of rain and fertility.

**16:32-33** – This was a time of prominent Baal worship.

**17:1** – Elijah = “*My God Is Jehovah*”.

- Elijah was an “*in your face*” kind of Prophet.

- Baal was the god of rain, crops, fertility – James 5:17

**17:2-3** – God tells Elijah to “*hide*”.

- God wants to train him for his mission and ministry – **17:24**

**17:4** – God tells Elijah how He will provide for him.

**17:5** – Elijah plans on staying for the “*long haul*”.

**17:6** – God never failed him.

**17:7** – Elijah is in God’s will ... so ... **WHY?**

- Has your “*brook ever dried up*”?

- Sometimes it seems like God has left and forgotten us.

- The God who provides water, can also withhold water!

- Do we want what’s “*fair*”, or God’s grace and mercy?

- God can do whatever He wants ... He’s **SOVEREIGN!**

- God always has your best interests in His mind.

- God always knows what He’s doing.

- When your “*brook dries up*”, God is **FOCUSING** on you –

Romans 8:28

**17:8-9** – Elijah was getting too “*comfortable*”.

- Sometimes God has to get our **FOCUS** back on Him.

- God is leading Elijah on to greater things.

**CONCLUSION:**

- God never makes mistakes!