

Introduction

- I. The focus of the life and ministry of Elijah is this question: Who is the God: Baal or Jehovah?
- II. We need this message today just as much as during the days of Ahab.

**The Prophet Standing for Jehovah
(1) Appearing in an Age of Apostasy**

I. The Age of Apostasy

- A. When God sent Elijah to Ahab, Israel was firmly in the clutches of unprecedented idolatry.
 1. How did this come about?

 2. Who is Baal?

- B. What runs parallel to idolatry in the northern kingdom was the rejection of the authority of God's Word (16:34).

II. The Sudden Appearance

- A. Jehovah, the faithful covenant God, raised up this preacher to bring His Word to a church that had departed from Him.

- B. What is the significance of God raising up Elijah in that day?
 1. First, we see that Elijah is a type of John the Baptist - Malachi 4:5.; Matt. 11:14

 2. But he is also a type or picture of Christ, our prophet, priest, and king.

 3. What about today? Has God raised up Elijah's in our day? Yes.

III. The Sobering Message

- A. The message is that Jehovah is the only living God.

- B. This word of God through Elijah had a two-fold purpose.