

Introduction

- I. It seems that Ahab and Jezebel got away with murder and stealing.
- II. But the Most High God is not ignorant of what has happened. He is a righteous Judge who sends Elijah with a word of judgment for Ahab.

**The Prophet Standing for Jehovah
(11) Bringing a Word of Judgment**

I. The Dreadful Message

- A. The living, righteous, sin-hating God observed Ahab's wickedness and passes judgment.
 1. Ahab's sin is described, "sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the Lord." (20, 25)
 2. The Lord, through Elijah, hands out the verdict and the punishment for them:
- B. This message of God's judgment speaks a word of comfort and warning to the church today.
 1. The comfort is that God does punish those who attack His people and church.
 2. Warning to church: do not sell yourselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord

II. The Courageous Messenger

- A. God called Elijah to be the messenger because he was qualified with a courageous spirit.
- B. In the text we see two characteristics of the courageous messenger of the Lord:
 1. The courageous messenger boldly reproves bold sinners.
 2. The courageous messenger does this although there is opposition.

III. The Sure Fulfillment

- A. Ahab's surprising response: Ahab rent his clothes, put on sackcloth, mourned, and fasted.
- B. God's response to this is that He will bring the evil forecast by Elijah, not in his days, but after Ahab has died. This refers to the murder of his sons. How do we understand this?