

TROUBLERS *or* HELPERS OF ISRAEL?



KING AHAB



ELIJAH

(1 KINGS 18:17,18; GALATIANS 5:7-15)

1 KINGS 18:17-19 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Then it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, “*Is that* you, O troubler of Israel?” ¹⁸ And he answered, “I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father’s house *have*, in that you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord and have followed the Baals. ¹⁹ Now therefore, send *and* gather all Israel to me on Mount Carmel, the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel’s table.”

TROUBLER *of* ISRAEL

1 Kings 16:29-33



KING AHAB

- Ahab ruled Northern Israel for 22 years (874–853 b.c.).
- Walked in the sins of Jeroboam — (1 Ki. 16:31).
- He married a foreign woman, Jezebel (1 Ki. 16:31).
- He served and worshipped the pagan god, Baal (1 Ki. 16:31).
- He built an altar and temple to Baal (1 Ki. 16:32).
- He made idols dedicated to Asherah (1 Ki. 16:33).

TROUBLER *of* ISRAEL

1 Kings 20:34-22:39



KING AHAB

- Made a treaty with Ben-Hadad, king of Syria - (1 Ki. 20:34)
- Charged with the murder of Naboth for his vineyard - (1 Ki. 21:1-24)
- Rejects the message of Micaiah - (1 Ki. 22:17-28)
- Dies in battle according to the words of the prophet of God - (1 Ki. 22:29-39)

1 KINGS 21:20-26 (NKJV)

²⁰ So Ahab said to Elijah, “Have you found me, O my enemy?” And he answered, “I have found *you*, because you have sold yourself to do evil in the sight of the Lord: ²¹ ‘Behold, I will bring calamity on you. I will take away your posterity, and will cut off from Ahab every male in Israel, both bond and free. ²² I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, because of the provocation with which you have provoked *Me* to anger, and made Israel sin.’

1 KINGS 21:20-26 (NKJV)

²³ And concerning Jezebel the Lord also spoke, saying, 'The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.' ²⁴ The dogs shall eat whoever belongs to Ahab and dies in the city, and the birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in the field." ²⁵ But there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of the Lord, because Jezebel his wife stirred him up. ²⁶ And he behaved very abominably in following idols, according to all *that* the Amorites had done, whom the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel.

TROUBLER *of* ISRAEL

MANY ENEMIES
of GOD'S PEOPLE



KING AHAB

- Many troubled Israel from the outside (*Egypt, Assyria, Syria, Philistines, Hittites, Edomites, Moabites, Amalekites, Midianites, etc.*)
- BUT - No external enemy could harm Israel 'IF' they were faithful to God! (Deut 29-31; Isa. 54:17)
- Their greatest troublers were from 'WITHIN' - (Jer 23)

TROUBLER *of* ISRAEL

Internal Troublers of Israel



- Aaron & golden calf - Ex 32
- The 10 spies - Num 13,14
- Rebellion of Korah - Num 16
- Sexual immorality in Moab - Num 25:1-9
- Achan's cursed things from Jericho - Josh. 6:18; 7; 1 Chro 2:7
- Rehoboam & Jeroboam - 1 Kings 12 ... ect.

TROUBLER *of* ISRAEL

Today's Troublers of Israel



KING AHAB

- Those who continue in the sins of predecessors - Mat 12:43-45; 15:7-9; Acts 7:51-53; 2 Tim 3:13
- Those who allow the world to influence their faith & practice - 2 Tim 4:10; 1 Jn 2:15-17; Col. 2:8
- Those who compromise with error - Rev 2:14-16, 20

TROUBLER *of* ISRAEL

Today's Troublers of Israel



- False teachers — 2 Pet 2:1-3; Gal 5:7-15; 2 Tim 2:16,17
- Unscriptural innovations — (*organization, work & worship*) — 1 Cor. 11:17-23; 14:34; Rom. 16:18; 1 Pet 4:11.
- Not preaching the whole counsel of God — (Rom 16:18; 2 Tim 4:2-5; etc.)
- Division — (*opinions, personality conflicts, pride, selfishness*) — (1 Co. 1:10-13; Ro 16:17; Eph. 4:1-6; Phil 2:1-5; John 17:20)

TROUBLER *of* ISRAEL

Today's Troublers of Israel



- Lack of knowledge — (Hos. 4:6; 1 Cor. 15:34; 2 Tim 2:15; 3:7; 2 Pet 3:18)
- Apathetic, (lukewarm) - (Rev 2:4, 14,15, 20; 3:14-17)
- Materialism — (1 Jn 2:15-17; Mat 6:19-24; 2 Tim 3:1-7)
- Irresponsible parents — (Eph 6:1-4; Pro 22:6; 13:24; 22:15; 23:13, 14; 29:15, 17; Deut 6:6-9; 2 Tim 1:5; 3:15)

Are You A **HELPER** *of* **ISRAEL?**

The Church **NEEDS**



ELIJAH

- Those who break free from traditions of men - (2 Kings 22:1-2; Phil 3:7-11)
- Those who refuse to be conformed to this world — (Rom 12:1,2; Col. 3:1-3)
- Those who refuse compromise with error — (Jude 3)
- Those who test what they are taught — (Acts 17:11,12)

Are You A **HELPER** *of* **ISRAEL?**

The Church **NEEDS**



ELIJAH

- Those committed to following the NT pattern — (2 Tim 1:13; 1 Cor. 4:6; Acts 2:42; etc.)
- Preachers who preach the whole council of God — (Act 20:27; 1 Pet 4:11; 2 Tim 3:16-4:2)
- Those who strive for unity in the truth — (Eph 4:1-16)
- Those who grow in grace & knowledge of Christ — (2 Pt 3:18)

Are You A **HELPER** *of* **ISRAEL?**

The Church **NEEDS**



ELIJAH

- Those are zealous for the Lord — (Titus 2:14)
- Those who are truly spiritual minded — (Col. 3:1-3; Rom 12:1,2; Mat 6:33)
- Those who teach their children - bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord — (Eph 6:1-4)

Are You A
TROUBLER *or* HELPER
OF ISRAEL?



KING AHAB



ELIJAH

(1 KINGS 18:17,18; GALATIANS 5:7-15)

TROUBLERS *or* HELPERS OF ISRAEL?

KING AHAB



ELIJAH



Charts by Don McClain / Preached April 23, 2017

West 65th Street church of Christ P.O. Box 190062 / Little Rock AR 72219 /

501-568-1062 / Email – donmcclain@sbcglobal.net

Prepared using Keynote 2014 – More PPT & Audio Sermons:

<http://w65stchurchofchrist.org/coc/>

GALATIANS 5:7-15 (NKJV)

⁷ You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? ⁸ This persuasion does not *come* from Him who calls you. ⁹ A little leaven leavens the whole lump. ¹⁰ I have confidence in you, in the Lord, that you will have no other mind; but he who troubles you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is. ¹¹ And I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why do I still suffer persecution? Then the offense of the cross has ceased.

GALATIANS 5:7-15 (NKJV)

¹² I could wish that those who trouble you would even cut themselves off! ¹³ For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this: “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*” ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!