

1 Kings 18

How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him.
1 Kings 18:21

Readings this week:

- S 1 Kings 18:1-9
- M 1 Kings 18:20-45
- T Isaiah 43:9-13
- W Isaiah 44:6-11
- Th Isaiah 45:20-25
- F Isaiah 46:5-10
- S Mark 12:28-34

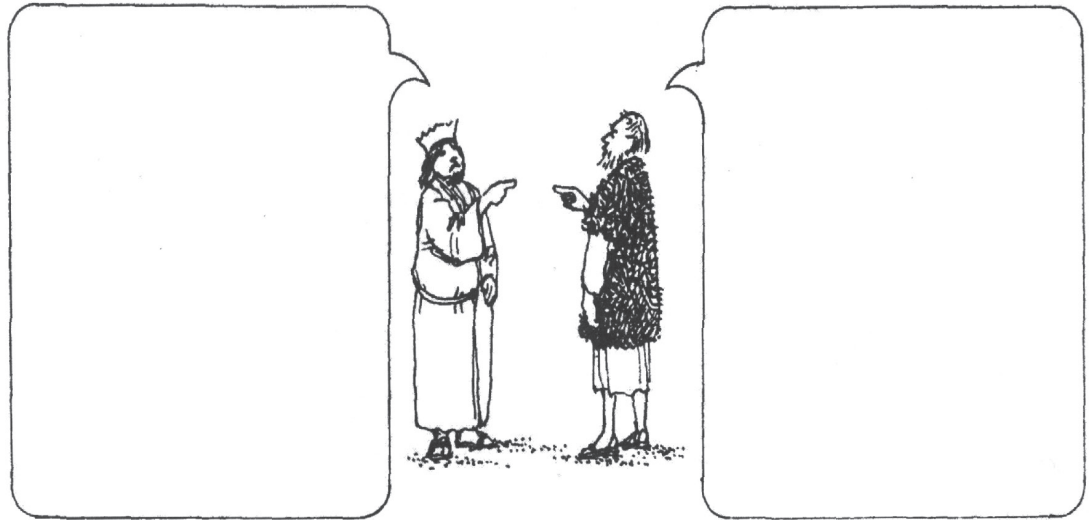


Around the Middle East there have been many seals found like this one. Clay or wax would be put onto a document and the seal would be pressed into it. The pattern on the seal would identify the person who owned it and prove that the document was genuine.

Amongst the symbols on this seal are the letters YZBL which spell Jezebel in Hebrew, so it is possible that this was the seal of Queen Jezebel.

You could search the web for 'Jezebel seal' to find out more.

Ahab and Elijah both thought that the other had brought trouble on Israel. Why do you think they thought that? Look at 1 Kings 18:16-18 to help you record what each thought about the other.



Talk about 1 Kings 18:25-39.

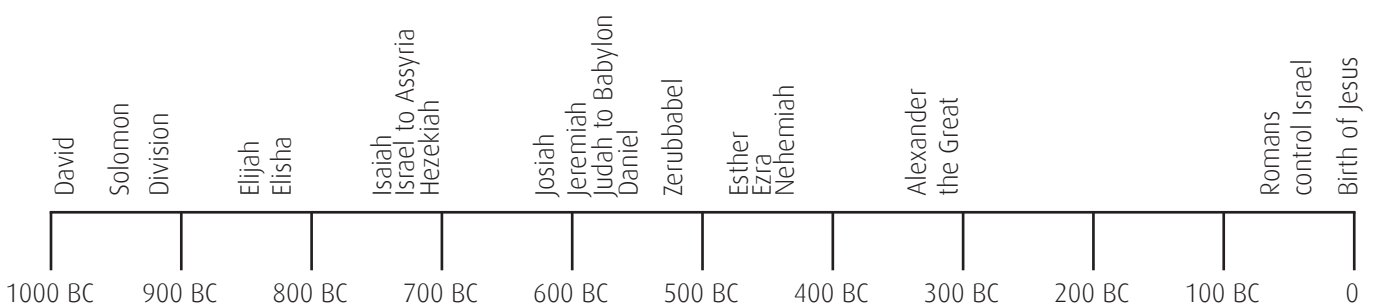


What did the people of Israel have to decide?

In your view, was the evidence convincing?

What was the reaction of the people?

What was the reaction of Ahab and Jezebel?



What evidence for God do you have?



What evidence for God would you choose to explain to a friend why you believe? It's a good idea to talk about your ideas together - and then find an opportunity to use them!

On a large sheet of paper, draw a cartoon of the events in this chapter. Instead of writing speech bubbles, write thought bubbles, and as you do it discuss the way the feelings of the different people involved changed. Look at the types of thoughts the people had. Are there times when you have those thoughts?

Are they good or bad ones to have?

Pray that you may have the courage to stand up for God as Elijah did.

Digging Deeper

Only one God

Elijah was anxious that the people should know that there was only one God. Today many people need convincing that there is a God at all.

Look at the following passages and make a list of about a dozen things that characterise the God we believe in.

Job 36:26

Isaiah 45:5 and 7

Isaiah 55:8-9

Acts 17:24-26

1 Timothy 6:16

Exodus 34:5-7