

Chronicles of Gilead
Crossroad of Destiny
1 Kings 16-19

Introduction – Thankfully, even after we refuse God’s plan, He graciously gives us opportunity to choose Him again. – 1 Samuel 8:7-9; 19-22

I. Misery: where disobedience leads – vv. 16:28-33

- King Ahab, Omri’s son, married to Jezebel, daughter of Phoenician King Ethbaal
- Baal-Melkarth, principle deity of Tyre – God of storms and crops
- Resulting in a drought/ physical and spiritual – vv. 17:1-2
- Provision within the discipline – vv. 17:3-7
- Hides in Zarephath, Jezebel’s home town

II. Crossroad: make a decision

- Drought has brought pressure – vv. 18:10-11, 16
- Who is the trouble-maker? – vv. 18:17-18
- Show down at land in-between – v. 18:21
- Elijah’s problem revealed – v. 18:27
- God shows up: BIG! – vv. 18:36-38

III. Beware when it rains – vv. 18:41-46

- Unfulfilled expectations are great discouragements – vv. 19:1-2
- Elijah wanted to quit/ pity-party – v. 19:4
- He fled when he nation was ready for revival abandoning them without spiritual leadership

IV. Cave lessons – vv. 19:9-14

- The cleft of the rock on Mt. Horeb/ Sinai 200 miles away
– Exodus 33:22
- What are you doing Elijah?
- God is holy, destroying His enemies
- God is innermost true and gracious, rescuing, preserving though His people have broken the covenant
- We are not alone – v. 19:18

Conclusion – Elijah obeyed and anointed the next generation's prophet,
Elisha – vv. 19:19-21