

**Elijah - A Man on a Mission**  
**Lacking Leadership - 1 Kings 16:29-34**  
**Lesson #1**

**1. The Monarchs of Judah & Israel - 1 Kings 16:29-30**

1 Samuel 8:6-7 & 18-19 –“...Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. And the Lord told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king...”(18-19) “When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, but the Lord will not answer you in that day.” But the people refused to listen to Samuel. “No!” they said. “We want a king over us. Then we will **be like all the other nations.**”

**2. The Model of Jeroboam - 1 Kings 16:31a & 1 Kings 12:25-31**

**3. The Marriage of Jezebel**

Encyclopedia Britannica - **Baal**, worshipped in many ancient Middle Eastern communities, especially among the Canaanites...He was also called the **Lord of Rain and Dew**, the two forms of moisture that were indispensable for fertile soil in Canaan.

**4. The Message of Joshua - 1 Kings 16:34**

Joshua 6:26 - At that time Joshua pronounced this solemn oath: “Cursed before the Lord is the one who undertakes to rebuild this city, Jericho: At the cost of his firstborn son he will lay its foundations; at the cost of his youngest he will set up its gates.”