PROPHET ELIAS (ELIJAH)

QUESTIONS & ANWSERS

Q: Who is the Holy Prophet Elijah (Saint Elias)?
A: Prophet Elijah was one of the great prophets of the Old Testament. As a young man, he dedicated himself to God, settled in the wilderness and spent his whole life in strict fasting, meditation and prayer.
Elijah was a Hebrew prophet and miracle worker, as told in the two Books of Kings in the Old Testament. He was active in the 9th century BC during the reign of King Ahab of Israel and his Phoenician-born queen Jezebel. Elijah confronted the king and queen over their idolatry of the Canaanite god Ba'al and other wicked deeds. At the end of his life he was carried to heaven in a chariot of fire, and was succeeded by Elisha. In the New Testament, Elijah and Moses appear next to Jesus when he is transfigured.

Q: What was God's mission for Elijah?
A: God trusted Elijah with the task of re-establishing the worship of Him. The King and Queen and all the people at that time had abandoned God and it was in him to bring them back to his glory.

Q: What does the name Elijah (Elie, Elias, Eli) mean?
A: The name Elijah means 'God the Lord.'
He is also known in the Old Testament as "the man of God." (2Kings 5: 15)
He proclaims that God is a living God and not an idol. (2 Kings 5: 16)
He is sometimes known as the "Tishbite," being from the town of Tishbe, of the inhabitants of Gilead (1Kings 17:1)

Q: What are some of the miracles that God performed through His Prophet Elijah?
1) Causing the rain to stop for three years. (1Kings 17: 1)
2) Being fed by the raven. (1Kings 17:2-6)
3) Raising from the dead of the widow's son. (1Kings 17:19-22)
4) Calling of fire from heaven onto the altar. (1Kings 18:36-38)
5) Being called up to heaven in a whirlwind. (2Kings 2:1-12)

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The Old Testament:
Elijah is first introduced in (1 Kings 17:1) as delivering a message from God to Ahab, king of Israel, trill (2Kings 2) when he was suddenly separated from Elisha by a chariot and horses of fire; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven, and Elisha receiving his mantle, which fell from Elijah as he ascended.
The New Testament mentioned prophet Elijah many times as in (Matthew 17: 3); (Mark 9: 4); (Luke 9: 30).