

UNIT ONE - Abraham to the First Exile: The Jewish People's Historical Connection to the Land of Israel (Part 1)



Lesson Plan 15 Activity: Prophet Profile Card: Elijah (Eliyahu HaNavi)

Short Bio:

Elijah the Prophet was a fearless and passionate spiritual leader during the reign of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel in the northern Kingdom of Israel (9th century BCE). He is known for confronting widespread idolatry and challenging corrupt royal power. Elijah often lived in isolation, traveling alone, dependent on divine miracles for food and shelter. His dramatic confrontations with kings and false prophets made him one of the most iconic figures in Tanakh. He never died—instead, he was taken to heaven in a fiery chariot, and Jewish tradition teaches he will return to herald the coming of the Messiah.

Famous Quotes:

- **"The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!"**
(1 Kings 18:39 – shouted by the people after the miracle on Mount Carmel)
- **"How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal is god, follow him."**
(1 Kings 18:21 – Elijah's challenge to the Israelites before the showdown)
- **"I have been very zealous for the Lord, God of Hosts."**
(1 Kings 19:10 – expressing his devotion even when he feels alone)

Mission:

Elijah's mission was to:

- **Wake up the Jewish people spiritually** during a time of deep corruption and idolatry.
- **Expose the falsehood of Baal worship** and remind the people of their covenant with God.
- **Hold kings accountable** when they strayed from Torah values.

- **Be a living voice of God's truth** even in a culture that preferred comfort over commitment.

He was not a prophet of compromise—his fiery zeal aimed to shock people out of complacency and restore their faith in the one true God.