

## **7. Loyalty to GOD: ELIJAH**

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  - *Elijah believed that the people might turn to the covenant of faith*
  - *Being a prophet, Elijah was against Baalism because it was his vocation(Any 7= 7x1=7mks)*

(b) *Problems faced by Prophet Elijah in Israel are;-*

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2. (a) *How King Ahab led Israelites away from worship of Yahweh.*
  - *He married a foreign wife.*
  - *He allowed the worship of Ball.*
  - *He built places of worship for Baal.*
  - *He allowed Jezebel to kill Yahweh's prophets.*
  - *He allowed Jezebel to convert Israelites to worship other gods.*
  - *He worshipped Baal.*
  - *He allowed the prophets of Baal into Israel.*
  - *He forced all Israelites to worship Baal.*

(b) *How Elijah restored the true worship of Yahweh.*

  - *He pronounced the 3 ½ years drought.*
  - *He courageously challenged King Ahab for being the cause of drought.*
  - *He called down fire to consume the sacrifice as prove that Yahweh is true.*
  - *He killed the prophets of Baal.*
  - *He declared the end of drought by praying for rain.*
  - *He challenged King Ahab for grabbing Naboth's land and killing him.*

(c) *What Christians learn about God from Mt. Carmel contest.*

- *God is powerful.*
- *God answers prayers of those who believe in Him.*
- *God is the source of rain.*
- *Yahweh is true God to be worshipped.*
- *God does not tolerate idol worship.*
- *God is jealous.*
- *God is holy.*
- *God protects his servants.*
- *God provides for his servants.*
- *God expects Christians to be persistent while struggling against evil or injustice.*

- 3 a) *Five reasons that contributed to schism between Judah and Israel*
- i. *It was a punishment for Solomon's sins*
  - ii. *Jeroboam had built two worship places at Dan and Bethel*
  - iii. *Solomon's rule was oppressive in the form of forced labor, high taxes and slavery*
  - iv. *Rehoboam rejected the request of the people even after being advised by the elder*
  - v. *Solomon's great development in the South which brought tension between the Northern and Southern kingdom*
  - vi. *Solomon had also exempted the inhabitants of Judah from paying taxes*
  - vii. *Rehoboam's oppressive rule*
  - viii. *Jerusalem city belonged to the Southern division*
  - ix. *Ten tribes preferred Jeroboam while two tribes went for Rehoboam*

*b) Failures of King Ahab (6 mks)*

- i. *He broke the first commandments by allowing idol worship*
- ii. *He killed the prophets of God*
- iii. *He allowed his wife Jezebel to bear false witness*
- iv. *He coveted Naboth's vineyard*
- v. *He killed Naboth/ broke law against murder*
- vi. *He broke the law that forbids stealing*
- vii. *He failed to protect the weak/ poor as demanded by the law*

*c) Why political leaders in Kenya failed to perform their duties effectively*

- i. *Lack of leadership skills*
- ii. *Lack of obedience in God*
- iii. *Lack of faith/ trust in God*
- iv. *Some of them were chosen through bribery/ corruption/ misappropriation*
- v. *Tribalism*
- vi. *Conflicts among themselves on issues affecting the government*
- vii. *They are not loyal to their leaders and subjects*
- viii. *Failure to accept their mistakes and change for the better*
- ix. *Lack of patience e.g. campaigning for residency in 2012 instead of serving the citizens*

4. *(a) 7 reasons why Elijah faced danger and hostility in Israel*

- i. *Elijah pronounced a three year drought in Israel*
- ii. *He killed 450 prophets of Baal*
- iii. *He boldly condemned King Ahab for taking away Naboth's vineyard.*
- iv. *He ran away in fear and hid in the wilderness where he was in danger of attack by wild animals*
- v. *In the wilderness Elijah faced starvation due to lack of water and food*
- vi. *Elijah preached at a time when baalism was the official religion in Israel*
- vii. *He got discouraged and nearly lost hope while in the wilderness*
- viii. *He courageously identified himself with Yahweh in the midst of persecution of Gods prophets by Jezebel*

*(b) 5 forms of corruption in Kenya today*

- i) *Tribalism /nepotism/genderism (discrimination)*
- ii) *Bribery*
- iii) *Cheating in business*
- iv) *Stealing*
- v) *Misuse of public property of funds*
- vi) *Grabbing of personal and/or public land*
- vii) *Dishonesty*
- viii) *Robbery with violence*

*(c) The relevance of Elijah's prophetic mission to Christians today*

- i) *Church leaders should remain courageous and firm in condemning all forms of social injustice in society*
- ii) *Christians should remain faithful to God even when faced with danger.*
- iii) *Christians should not despair in their missionary work but learnt that God gives encouragement and providence.*
- iv) *Christians should pray God in faith and God would surely answer them.*
- v) *Christians should advocate for the right of the poor.*
- vi) *Christians should not give false evidence against their neighbours like Jezebel against Naboth.*
- vii) *Christians should be persistent like Elijah in their struggle against injustice.*
- viii) *Christians should be prepared to suffer and meet oppositions and rejection.*
- ix) *Christians should avoid idolatry at all costs*
- x) *Christians should strive to live free from corruption*
- xi) *It is the duty of Christians to call people to repentance.*
- xii) *Christians should develop life skill that will enable them to make appropriate decisions*

5. *a) four effects of idolatry on the Israelites as a Nation*

- i. *Israel suffered calamities eg 3 years drought.*
- ii. *Israelites religion calendar of feast and celebration was changed to correspond with the times the Canaanites celebrated their feasts.*
- iii. *Idolatry undermined the unity of tribes of Israel as some in Northern Kingdom could not visit Jerusalem for worship – worshipped at Dan and Bethel.*
- iv. *High places used to worship of Baal were converted into Yahweh's Shrines without removing the graven images of idols – this angered God.*
- v. *Their were bloody coups and counter.*

5. *b) five reasons why some Christians have lost faith in God*

- i. *Believe their prayer are not answered.*
- ii. *When they continue to suffer while those who are not prayerful prosper.*
- iii. *Poor leadership in the church/Wrangles.*
- iv. *Poor role models by church leaders*
- v. *Existence of false prophets*
- vi. *Pleasure of the world*
- vii. *Bad company /that moved them.*

6. *(a) KING Jeroboam promoted schism in Israel ;*

- i. *He brought polytheism religion in Israel by placing two Golden calves at Bethel and Dan*
- ii. *He put two centres of worship at Dan and Bethel to stop Israel from going to Judah and worship in Jerusalem*
- iii. *He made Israel to offer sacrifices to Baal-Hadad*

- iv. *He built places of worship at Hillstops to emulate other nations*
- v. *He chose his own priests from ordinary families instead of getting them from the family of Levites in Judah*
- vi. *He instituted religious festivals or feasts in the months of his choice to counteract the calendar of dates of the same in Judah'*
- vii. *He burnt incense at the altar of idols breaking the first commandment*
- viii. *He cut link with Judah by putting shechem his capital and fortified Penvuel from where he ruled Israel / He stopped Israel from going to Jerusalem*

*(b) 5 qualities in Elijah that may influence the life of a true Christian*

- (i) *Courage to condemn actions of Kings*
- (ii) *Loyalty/faith and trust n God*
- (iii) *He was prayerful and was rewarded*
- (iv) *he led a simple lie and stood for the right of common man*
- (v) *He was just/protector of the covenant/law of God*
- (vi) *Christians may admire God's intimacy with Elijah. God is providence like Elijah being provided with food/drink*
- (vii) *Christians may admire God's intimacy with Elijah, God can communicate with Christians today*
- (viii) *Christians should not give false witness against their neighbours, like Jezebel with Naboth*

*c) Lessons Christians learn from the leadership of Prophet Elijah*

- i. *Christian leaders should remain courageous/ firm in condemning any form of social injustice in society like Elijah*
- ii. *Christians should remain faithful/ loyal to God/ practiced monotheism just like Elijah*
- iii. *Christians should not despair in their missionary work*
- iv. *Should remain prayerful to God in faith and God will answer their prayers like Elijah at Mt. Carmel contest*
- v. *Should be persistent like Elijah was in their struggle against injustice*
- vi. *Should not give false evidence against their neighbors like Jezebel and Naboth*
- vii. *God is able to establish an intimate relationship with his faithful like Elijah*

7. a) *Why Elijah faced danger and hostility in his work.*
- *He had pronounced a three years drought in Israel.*
  - *He openly condemned King Ahab for taking Naboth's Vineyard.*
  - *He hid in the wilderness where he faced dangers from wild animals.*
  - *He killed 450 prophets of Baal.*
  - *He starved for lack of food and water in the wilderness.*
  - *By the time Elijah was a prophet, Baalism had become the official religion in Israel.*
  - *He was greatly discouraged and lost hope.*
  - *All other prophets had been killed expect Him.*
  - *Jezebel swore to kill him the way he had killed the 450 prophets*

*b) Lessons Israelites learnt from the MT. Carmel contest.*

- *Yahweh is a living God.*
- *Yahweh is powerful.*
- *He is holy.*
- *He is faithful to his promises.*
- *He punishes those who break his laws.*
- *God forgives*
- *God answers prayers.*

- *God calls people to repentance.*

*c) What Prophet Elijah would condemn if he came to Kenya today?*

- *Bribery and corruption.*
- *Murder*
- *Violence*
- *Thuggery /robbery /theft.*
- *Suicidal acts.*
- *Rape*
- *Idolatry.*
- *Immorality.*
- *False accusation/witness*
- *Nepotism/tribalism.*
- *Misuse of public property*
- *Deceit/deception.*

8 *(a) four characteristics of the Canaanite religion.*

*i) Polytheism*

*ii) Nature god-relates to forces of nature*

*iii) Family gods*

*iv) Cyclic religion-seasonal gods etc*

*v) Gods' - depicted in symbolic forms*

*vi) Temple prostitution*

*vii) Many places of worship*

*viii) Ritual and sacrifices*

*ix) Festivals*

*(b) five reasons why it was difficult for Prophet Elijah to stop idolatry in Israel*

*i) King Ahab marriage to Jezebel*

*ii) Jezebel wielded a lot of influence on Ahab*

*iii) Ahab allowed the building of idol temples*

*iv) There were false prophets in Israel*

*v) Ahab took part in the worship of pagan gods*

*vi) Prophets of God were persecuted*

*vii) Syncretism emerged*

*(c) seven factors that lead people away from the worship of God today*

*i) Materialism*

*ii) Permissiveness in society*

*iii) Mass media*

*iv) Corruption*

*v) Urbanization*

*vi) Threats to human dignity*

*vii) Confusion from religious pluralism*

*viii) Oppression*

*ix) Social immorality*

*x) Drug addition/ drug abuse*

*xi) Scientific discoveries /technological innovations*

*xii) Poverty*

*xiii) Education*

9. (a) Five factors that led to the contest at Mt. Camel are;
  - ◆ King Ahab had build a temple for Baal worship
  - ◆ He had personally participated in the worship of Baal
  - ◆ Jezebel had ordered for the killing of Yahweh's Prophets
  - ◆ The serving prophets of Yahweh had gone into hiding
  - ◆ Prophet Elijah had announced a three year drought because of Baalism
  - ◆ Jezebel had introduced Baalism in Israel
  - ◆ There was religious syncretism in Israel
  - ◆ The Israelites had broken the covenant relationship
  - ◆ Prophet Elijah wanted to prove that he was the true prophet of Yahweh
  - ◆ The contest was the proof that Yahweh was to be worshipped
- (b) Five signs used by God to show that Elijah is the true prophet of God are;
  - ◆ The presence of the three year drought
  - ◆ The increase of the flour/oil of the widow
  - ◆ The healing of the Zarapheth widow's son
  - ◆ The great storm that marked the end of he three year drought
  - ◆ The fire that came down from Heaven during the contest of Mt. Carmel
  - ◆ The destruction of the Baal prophets sent to kill Elijah
  - ◆ Elijah was fed by the Ravens on the way to mount Sinai
  - ◆ Elijah was taken to heaven by Chariot of fire
  - ◆ God appeared to Elijah in form of still calm-voice
10. a) five practices of idolatry during the time of Elijah
  - There was polytheism/people worshipped many gods
  - There was human sacrifice
  - Priests, prophets ,prophetesses presided over all t he religious matters
  - The people observe a festivals I honour of the gods and goddesses
  - Shrines, altars and temples were built for the worship of the gods
  - Rituals were performed in honour of their gods
- b) five challenges faced by Prophet Elijah in Israel
  - There was widespread idolatry/worshipping of false gods
  - There was corruption and injustice as people rejected the covenant way of life
  - There was religious persecution and hostility.(jezebel had put to death the prophets of yahweh) those who remained went into hiding)
  - The people had abandoned the worship of yahweh and were practicing syncretism
  - He faced opposition and even threats on his life from ahab and jezebel
  - There were false prophets of baal and asherah brought by jezebel to promote false religion
  - He had to face king ahab/challenge him for misleading his people
  - He had to convince people that he was the true prophet of god
  - He had to prove to people that Yahweh was the true God
- c) With reference to Prophet Elijah explain how Kenya anti corruption authority (KACA) can help reduce corrupt in the society
  - KACA should advocate for the return of the illegal acquired property
  - KACA should ensure equitable distribution of national resources e.g. revenue and CDF money
  - KACA should enlighten people to respects the law
  - KACA should encourage people to report corruption cases
  - KACA should take people who misuse there power for political and economical gain e.g. Anglo leasing, Goldenberg to a court of law

- *KACA official should be good role models and ensure they are also not implicated in case of bribery and corruption*

11. *Prophet Elijah fought against corruption among the people of Israel as contained in 1 Kings 21*

- *Naboth a farmer had a vineyard next to Ahab.*
- *Ahab coveted it and asked Naboth to sell it to him but he declined*
- *Ahab was disturbed that he fell sick. He could neither eat nor drink*
- *Jezebel planned a corrupt scheme to ensure that Ahab possessed the vineyard*
- *Jezebel forged letters using the king's seal accusing Naboth for two great sins; blasphemy and treason*
- *The punishment for both mistakes was stoning to death*
- *Jezebel bribed some youth to be her witnesses against Naboth before all people*
- *Naboth was condemned to death together with his entire family who would have inherited the vineyard*
- *Ahab was a happy and took Naboth's vineyard*
- *Elijah was angered by Ahab's action and went to the palace and declared God's judgement on Ahab and Jezebel*

12. *(a) Reasons for Naboth's refusal to sell the vineyard to King Ahab.*

- *Naboth refused to sell his vineyard to king Ahab because the land belonged to God. He is the rightful owner.*
- *The land belonged to the family. It was an ancestral property which an individual had no right to sell.*
- *Land was inherited from one generation to the next generation. It could only be rented out but not sold.*
- *Naboth respected the Mosaic Law which gave guidelines on Land Issue. Naboth did not want to disobey God.*
- *Because land was given to the Israelites to settle on. It was not meant for sale.*
- *It was Naboth's only piece of land and it was very beautiful.*

*(b) The nature of God during the contest at Mount Carmel.*

- *God is all-powerful/Almighty.*
- *God hates evil thus destroys evil and punishes sinners.*
- *God is jealous, does not entertain rivalry or worship of false gods.*
- *He is faithful to His servants and to His promises.*
- *He answers prayers.*
- *He is caring, does not want his people perish.*
- *God is in control of nature.*
- *God requires obedience to Him from human beings.*
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