

True & False Prophets

1 Kings 17



FALSE PROPHETS WERE AN OBSTACLE TO BRINGING GOD'S WORD TO THE PEOPLE. THEY WOULD BRING MESSAGES THAT CONTRADICTED THE WORDS OF THE TRUE PROPHETS. THEY GAVE "MESSAGES" THAT APPEALED TO THE TO THE PEOPLE'S SINFUL NATURE AND CONTROLLED THEIR FEARS. FALSE PROPHETS TOLD THE PEOPLE WHAT THEY WANTED TO HEAR . . . TRUE PROPHETS TOLD PEOPLE WHAT THEY NEEDED TO HEAR—THEY TOLD THE TRUTH!

FALSE PROPHETS

- Worked for political purposes to benefit themselves
- Held positions of great wealth
- Gave false messages
- Spoke only what the people wanted to hear

TRUE PROPHETS

- Worked for spiritual purposes to serve God and the people
- Owned little or nothing
- Spoke only true messages
- Spoke only what God told them to say—no matter how unpopular