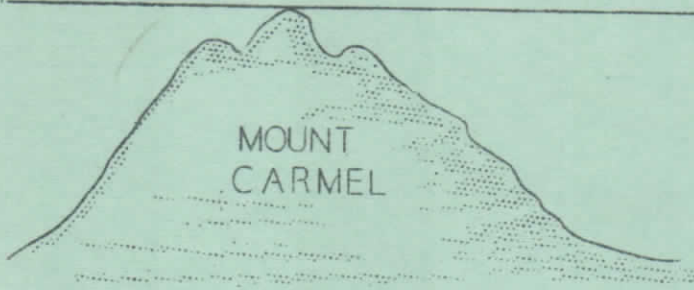


# MOUNT CARMEL - ELIJAH

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We will always remember Mount Carmel because Elijah met 350 prophets of Baal here. Elijah challenged King Ahab to a contest before all the people. Elijah said they would test the power of Baal against the power of the Lord.

Two altars were built - one for Baal and one for the God of Israel. The animal sacrifices were put on each altar. Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal to pray to their god to send down fire on the sacrifice. The priests called from morning until noon but there was no answer. They cried louder and cut themselves - but still no fire came.

Then Elijah called the people to come closer. He began to pray to God. Immediately the fire of the Lord fell and burnt up the offering and the wood and the stones. Then all the people fell on their faces and called, "The Lord He is God; The Lord, He is God."

Then Elijah prayed for rain and the rains came. God does control the weather. Prayer does make a difference.