

## June 26 Answers

- 1) Elijah's showdown with the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. The drought had caused a famine, and Samaria was in bad shape. Ahab was out with Obadiah desperately looking for some way to save his horses and mules. Obadiah is a fascinating character. He never performed a **miracle** like Elijah did, but he was just as committed to serving God. Elijah's ministry was **public** and confrontational; Obadiah's ministry was **private** and behind-the-scenes. This teaches us that people can have very **different** ministries and still be faithful in doing what God wants them to do. Indeed, Obadiah demonstrated his **faith** by telling Ahab to meet Elijah. He literally staked his life on the word of God's man! The miracle on Mount Carmel only provoked Jezebel to more evil, but it seemed to have a **positive** effect on Ahab. When Ben-Hadad of Syria besieged Samaria, God sent a prophet (Elijah was not alone after all!?) to Ahab and assured him of victory. Amazingly, Ahab actually believed God, and he took a terrible **risk** in leading a pitiful group of youngsters out against Syria's huge army. Wicked Ahab stepped out in **faith**, and God gave him a great victory. No story in the Old Testament displays God's mercy and grace quite like this!