

Facts About The **BIBLE** BY JOHN LEHTI



THE CALL OF A PROPHET

THE TITLE OF PROPHET, IN BIBLICAL TIMES, WAS TRADITIONAL. IT CARRIED NO BY-LAWS OR GROUND RULES FOR CONDUCT, BUT IT GAVE GOD WITNESS AGAINST TYRANNY AND SINFUL BEHAVIOR HERE ON EARTH. THE PROPHETS WERE BEYOND THE TEMPTATION OF WORLDLY PLEASURES, NOR DID THEY ASK FOR A REWARD FROM HEAVEN FOR THEIR SELFLESS LABORS. THEY WERE COMMANDED TO PROCLAIM GOD'S LAW, NOWHERE IN ANTIQUITY CAN BE FOUND SUCH A SUCCESSION OF MEN WHO WERE THE SPOKESMEN OF GOD AND THE AUTHORITIES FOR PROCLAIMING HIS WILL. MOST OF THEM SEEMED TO HAVE COME OUT OF THE WILDERNESS WEARING THE ROUGH GOATSKIN GARMENTS OF THE DESERT HERMITS. THEIR HARD, STONY STARE WAS CAPABLE OF PIERCING TO THE VERY SOUL OF THE PERSON THEY ADDRESSED....

THEY COULD GO FOR DAYS WITHOUT FOOD OR DRINK, AND THEIR DEDICATION TO GOD HAD NO COMPROMISE. THEY WERE NOT PARTICULARLY WELL EDUCATED MEN NOR DID THEY HAVE TO BE, BECAUSE GOD SPOKE THROUGH THEM. AS A CASE IN POINT, WHEN ELIJAH CALLED ELISHA TO FOLLOW HIM AS A PROPHET (1 KINGS 19:19) WHERE DO YOU SUPPOSE HE WAS... DEEP IN SPIRITUAL STUDIES? OR DELVING INTO MOSAIC LAW? NO WAY... HE WAS OUT IN THE FIELDS PLOWING BEHIND A YOKE OF OXEN.



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