

# FIRE FALL

## Day One: Gather Us Together

*Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto Mount Carmel... 1 Kings 18:19*

During times of national disaster, it is not uncommon for a country to rally together for the common good. The day after the September 11 attacks of 2001 we saw firsthand what a united nation looks like. While that unity eroded in the weeks, months and years that followed, the memory of a nation united in our grief still stands out in the minds.

In like manner, the people of Israel found themselves without water for three and a half years before they were called upon to gather. Over time, the economic and physical effects of such a drought had taken their toll on the nation. Everyone knew something had to be done, but only one man had the solution. Thus, Elijah called the nation together at Carmel to witness the revelation of God's glory as well as His intervention in their national dilemma.

As we begin our twenty one day journey through Carmel, we begin by setting our sights on a high and lofty goal...the uniting of a people who have been divided from each other, and estranged from their Creator. Our goal is not to maintain a pocket remnant of holiness on the earth, as some Christians seem to unwittingly communicate. Instead, our goal is to restore Kingdom rule of the nations to the King of kings and Lord of lords.

We call upon the followers of Christ to gather, but we also call upon the rest of our nation to come and observe. We have been given the answers to the world's problems, all stemming from the single answer to the problem of our sin and its consequences. That answer is Jesus, and the world is waiting to SEE HIM displayed THROUGH US.

What we are asking God for is a national appointment with the Divine...an opportunity for the nation to witness His undeniable glory.

*And so, we pray:*

*Heavenly Father... Gather our people together as one on the mountain of Your presence! Let our people leave behind the spiritual drought and dive into the refreshing of your glory!*

*We, the Bride of Christ, join our voices with the calling of Your Spirit over our region and nation crying out: "Come...Come all who thirst! Come all who desire! Come and drink Living Water freely!"*

*Bring us together we pray, for Your name to be praised by all!  
In Christ Jesus name we pray! AMEN*