

# **A Little While...**

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## **Introduction**

As punishment upon wayward Israel during the reign of wicked King Ahab, the sky was shut up for three years and six months (1 Kings 17:1-9; Luke 4:24-26). After the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel, the Lord God once again sent rain upon the earth (1 Kings 18:1-2, 36-46; James 5:16-18).

After Elijah prayed, a cloud as small as a man's hand could be seen coming up from the sea. In a little while the sky grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy shower. Let us examine the Biblical occurrences of the phrase "in a little while." It is descriptive of the things of men and also of the things of God.

## **Describes the Things of Man**

- The expression "a little while..." is descriptive of the brevity of life (James 4:13-17; cf. Job 24:22-24; Rev. 17:8-10).
- The expression "a little while..." is descriptive of the trials of life (Mark 14:66-72; Luke 4:13; 1 Pet. 1:3-9; 5:6-11).
- The expression "a little while..." is descriptive of the labors of life (Ruth 2:1-7; Prov. 6:6-11; Rev. 6:9-11; 14:13).

## **Describes the Things of God**

- The expression "a little while..." is descriptive of the promises of God (Isa. 29:17-24; Ezek. 11:14-21; Hag. 2:1-9).
- The expression "a little while..." is descriptive of the punishments of God (Psa. 37:7-11; Jer. 51:33-40; Hos. 1:2-5).
- The expression "a little while..." is descriptive of the provisions of God (John 7:32-36; 12:32-36; 13:31-33; 14:16-21; 16:16-22).

## **Conclusion**

Have you taken advantage of the atoning sacrifice of Jesus (Heb. 2:5-9)? Are you a member of the church/kingdom of Christ (Heb. 12:22-29)?