

Elijah - for the Voice of God

I Kings 19:1-18

ELIJAH
& ELISHA

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Introduction:

I. ELIJAH ON THE RUN (vs. 1-8)

A. The Curse of Jezebel (vs. 1-3)

"Now Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done..."

"So may the gods do to me and even more, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time."

"And he was afraid and arose and ran for his life..."

"and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there"

B. The Comfort of the LORD (vs. 4-8)

"But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree..."

"and he requested for himself that he might die, and said, 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take my life, for I am not better than my fathers.'"

"He lay down and slept..."

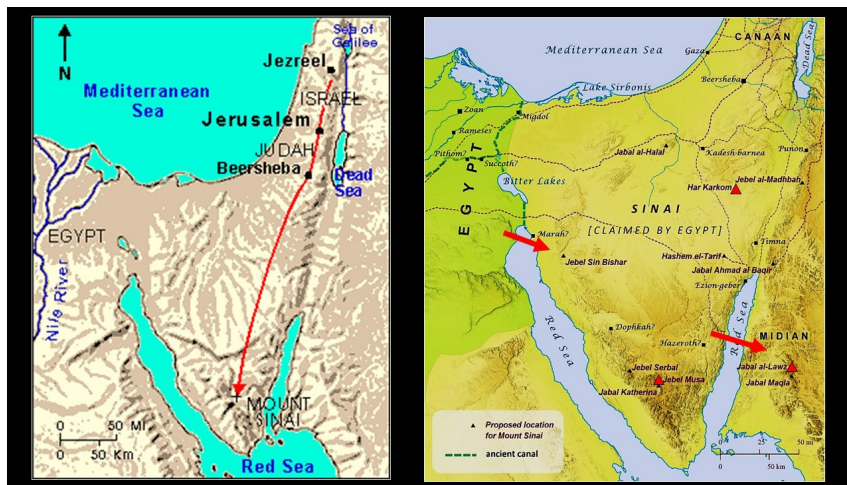
"an angel...said to him, 'Arise, eat.'"

"there was at his head a bread cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water"

"he ate and drank and lay down again...the angel of the LORD came again a second time..."

• "Arise, eat, because the journey is too great for you."

"and [he] went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of God"



II. ELIJAH ON THE REBOUND (vs. 9-18)

A. The Confrontation with the LORD (vs. 9-14)

“then he came there to a cave and lodged there”

“the word of the LORD came to him”

“What are you doing here, Elijah?”

“I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars and killed Your prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.”

“ ‘Go forth and stand on the mountain before the LORD.’ And behold, the LORD was passing by!”

“a great and strong wind was rending the mountains and breaking in pieces the rocks”

“but the LORD was not in the wind...an earthquake...a fire”

“after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing”

“when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave”

B. The Commissioning from the LORD (vs. 15-18)

“Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus...”

“you shall anoint Hazael king over Aram”

“and Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint king over Israel

“and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place”

“the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall put to death”

“Yet I will leave 7,000 in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Conclusion: