

(42) So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

(43) And said to his servant, Go up now, look towards the sea {Mediterranean Sea}. And he went up, and looked, and said, *There is nothing*. And he said, Go again seven times.

(44) And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Look, there arises a little cloud out of the sea {Mediterranean Sea}, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say to Ahab, Prepare your *chariot*, and get yourself down, that the rain not stop you.

(45) And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

(46) And the hand of the LORD {Jehovah} was on Elijah; and he tied his belt around his waist, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

Chapter 19

(1) And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.

(2) Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, So let the gods do *to me*, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.

(3) And when he heard *that*, he arose, and fled for his life, and came to Beersheba, which *belongs* to Judah, and left his servant there.

(4) 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 {Jehovah}, take away my life; because I *am* not better than my forefathers.

(5) And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, indeed, then an angel touched him, and said to him, *Arise and eat*.

(6) And he looked, and, saw, *there was* a cake baked on the coals, and a cruse {jar; bottle} of water at his head. And he ate and drank, and laid himself down again.

(7) And the angel of the LORD {Jehovah} came again the second time, and touched him, and said, *Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for you*.

(8) And he arose, and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

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(9) And he came there to a cave, and lodged there; and, indeed, the word of the LORD {Jehovah} *came* to him, and He said to him, **What are you doing here, Elijah?**

(10) And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD {Jehovah} God of hosts {armies}: because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

(11) And He said, **Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD {Jehovah}**. And, indeed, the LORD {Jehovah} passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains, and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD {Jehovah}; *but* the LORD {Jehovah} *was* not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; *but* the LORD {Jehovah} *was* not in the earthquake:

(12) And after the earthquake a fire; *but* the LORD {Jehovah} *was* not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

(13) And it was *so*, when Elijah heard *it*, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entrance of the cave. And *there came* a voice to him, and said, **What are you doing here, Elijah?**

(14) And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD {Jehovah} God of hosts {armies; multitudes}: because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

(15) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to him, **Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when you come, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:**^a

(16) **And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place.**

(17) **And it shall come to pass, that he who escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill: and he who escapes from the sword of Jehu Elisha shall kill.**

(18) **Yet I have left for Myself seven thousand in Israel, all the knees who have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth which has not kissed him.**

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(19) So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who *was* plowing *with* twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

(20) And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, I ask you to let me kiss my father and my mother, and *then* I will follow you. And he said to

him, Go back again: because what have I done to you?

(21) And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and killed them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave to the people, and they ate. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered to him.

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19:15a – anoint Hazael to be king over Syria – note: God chooses even the leaders of

pagan nations!

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