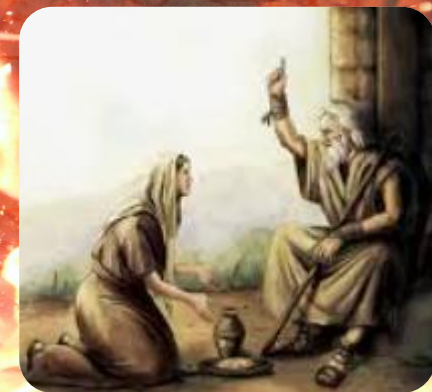


The Prophet Elijah



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Few words, but great significance

Elijah does not have his own book in the Bible.

Elijah's story is mentioned in:

1Kings 17,18,19

2Kings 1,2,

2 Chronicles 21

However, he is mentioned by the writers of : Malachi, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Romans, and James.

Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus on the mount of transfiguration. Their presence symbolizes the fulfillment of the Old Testament law and prophets in Jesus.



1 Kings 17

Elijah appears suddenly in **1 Kings 17** during the reign of **King Ahab** of Israel (9th century BCE), a time when the worship of **Baal**, a Canaanite god, was widespread—largely due to Ahab's wife, **Queen Jezebel**

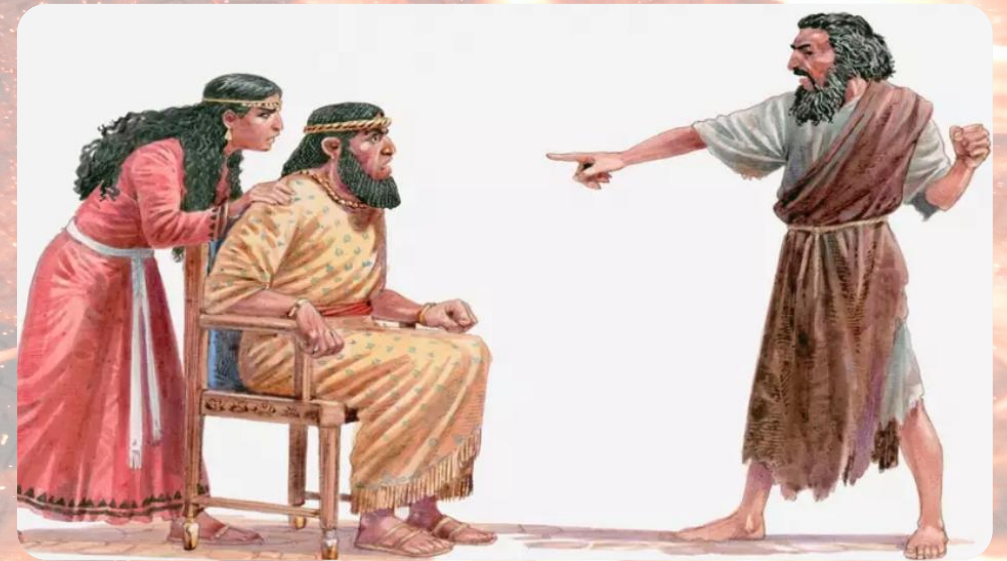
Elijah Announces a Great Drought

17 Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.”

Elijah Fed by Ravens

2 Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah: 3 “Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. 4 You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there.”

5 So he did what the Lord had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there.



Elijah follows God's commands

Elijah announces a drought as judgment for Israel's idolatry (1 Kings 17:1).

He is miraculously fed by ravens.

He stays with a widow in Zarephath, where her flour and oil never run out.

Raises the widow's son from the dead—the first resurrection in the Bible.



Showdown on Mt. Carmel

The prophet Elijah challenged 450 prophets of the pagan god Baal to prove which God is true. After the prophets of Baal failed to produce fire for their sacrifice, Elijah drenched his own altar in water and prayed to God. God responded by sending fire from heaven to consume Elijah's sacrifice, leading the people to acknowledge God as the true God and causing the subsequent end of a 3-year drought.



Elijah and Elisha



Elijah met Elisha after God instructed Elijah to anoint a successor, leading Elijah to find Elisha plowing a field. Elijah threw his cloak over Elisha, and Elisha immediately understood it was a divine call.

2 Kings 2

¹¹ As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more.



And now, a short video....



Elijah:
When God
Whisper in a
Cave

WRAP UP



- The importance of the prophets to God is not measured in the number of words in the Bible about them. Neither is our importance to God either!
- Elijah had a hard life. He was discouraged. He was scared. He was tired. He did not want to keep going. But God gave him just enough to keep going and Elijah obeyed God.
- God does not need to demonstrate his power in wind, or earthquakes, or fire. His most impactful moments in our lives are his whispers to us.