

Elijah and Elisha

between the "old" and the new Testament

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2 Kings 17

²⁹ In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, **Ahab** the son of Omri began to reign over Israel, and **Ahab the son of Omri** reigned over Israel in **Samaria** twenty-two years. ³⁰ And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD, more than all who were before him. ³¹ ...he took for his wife **Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians,**

2 Kings 17

and went and **served Baal** and worshiped him. ³² He erected an **altar for Baal** in the house of Baal, which he built in Samaria. ³³ And Ahab **made an Asherah**.

Ahab did more to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.



Stele of Ba'al
found in Ugarit

Jezreel Valley



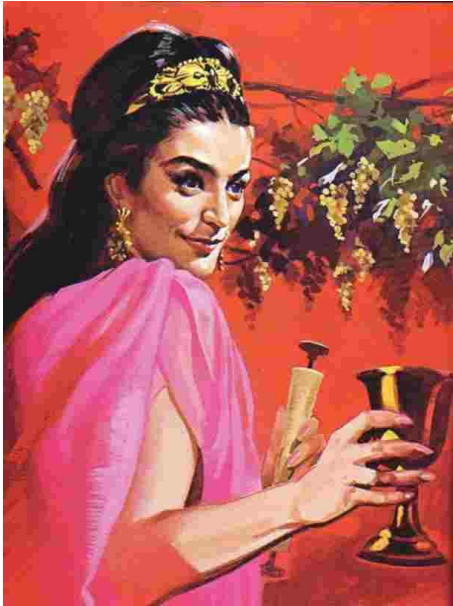
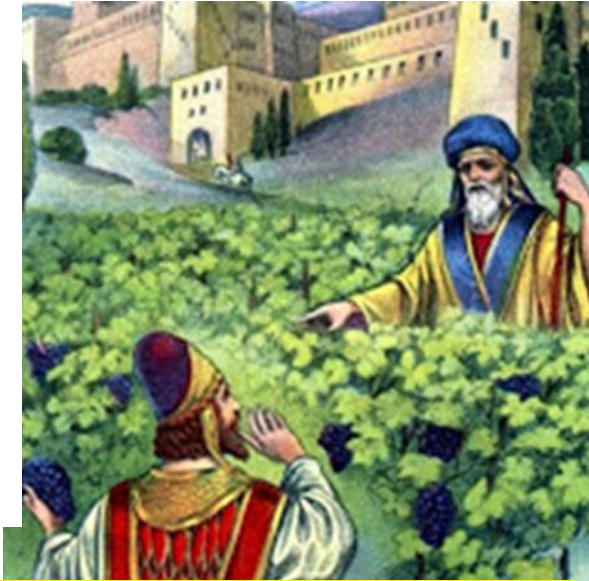
THE *Jezreel* EXPEDITION

Naboth's vineyard

Ahab

Known for his wickedness. 1 Kings 17:30, 33

- Ahab Wants Naboth's Vineyard. 1 Kings 21
- Ahab's Command. Verse 2. (cf. warning 1 Samuel 8:10-18)
- Ahab's offer. Verse 2
 - Naboth refuses. Verse 3 – bound by divine decree. Leviticus 25:14-17, 23, 25-28; Numbers 36:7
- Ahab pouts. Verse 4
 - Discontent. cf. 1 Timothy 6:6



Elijah:
Naboth's Vineyard

Announce a feast.
Swear Naboth with the people
that have high honors!
Also, have two servants
that will make this statement
against Naboth:
"This man has blasphemed
against God and King Ahab.
After these men speak,
take Naboth out and
stone him to death!"
(1 Kings 21:8-10)

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Elijah & Elisha
Lesson Book

And it came to pass after these things that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard which was in Jezreel, near to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. 1 Kings 21:1

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Now **Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead,** said to Ahab,

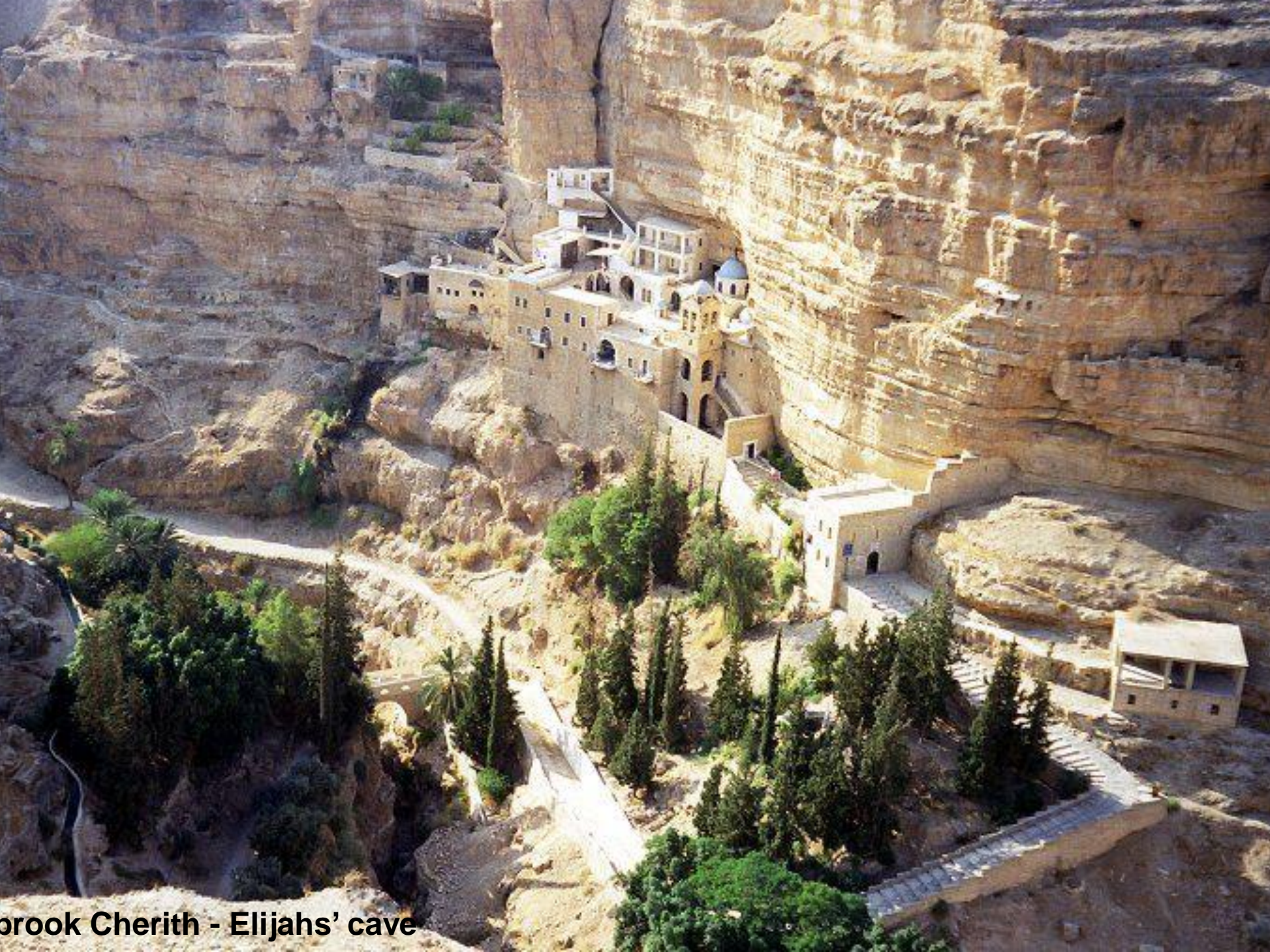
"As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, **there shall be neither dew nor rain these years,** except by my word." ²

And the word of the LORD came to him: ³

"Depart from here and turn eastward and hide yourself by **the brook Cherith,** which is **east of the Jordan.** ⁴ You shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." ⁵ So he went and did according to the word of the LORD.

brook Cherith (?)





Brook Cherith - Elijahs' cave

He went and lived by the brook Cherith that is east of the Jordan.

6 And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. 7 And after a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.



8 Then the word of the LORD came to him, 9 "Arise, go to **Zarephath**, which belongs to **Sidon**, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks.



And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." 11 And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." 12 And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and

die." 13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. **But first make me a little cake** of it and bring it to me and afterward make something for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, **'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty,** until the day the LORD sends rain upon the earth



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17 After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him.

18 And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!"

19 And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. 20 And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?"



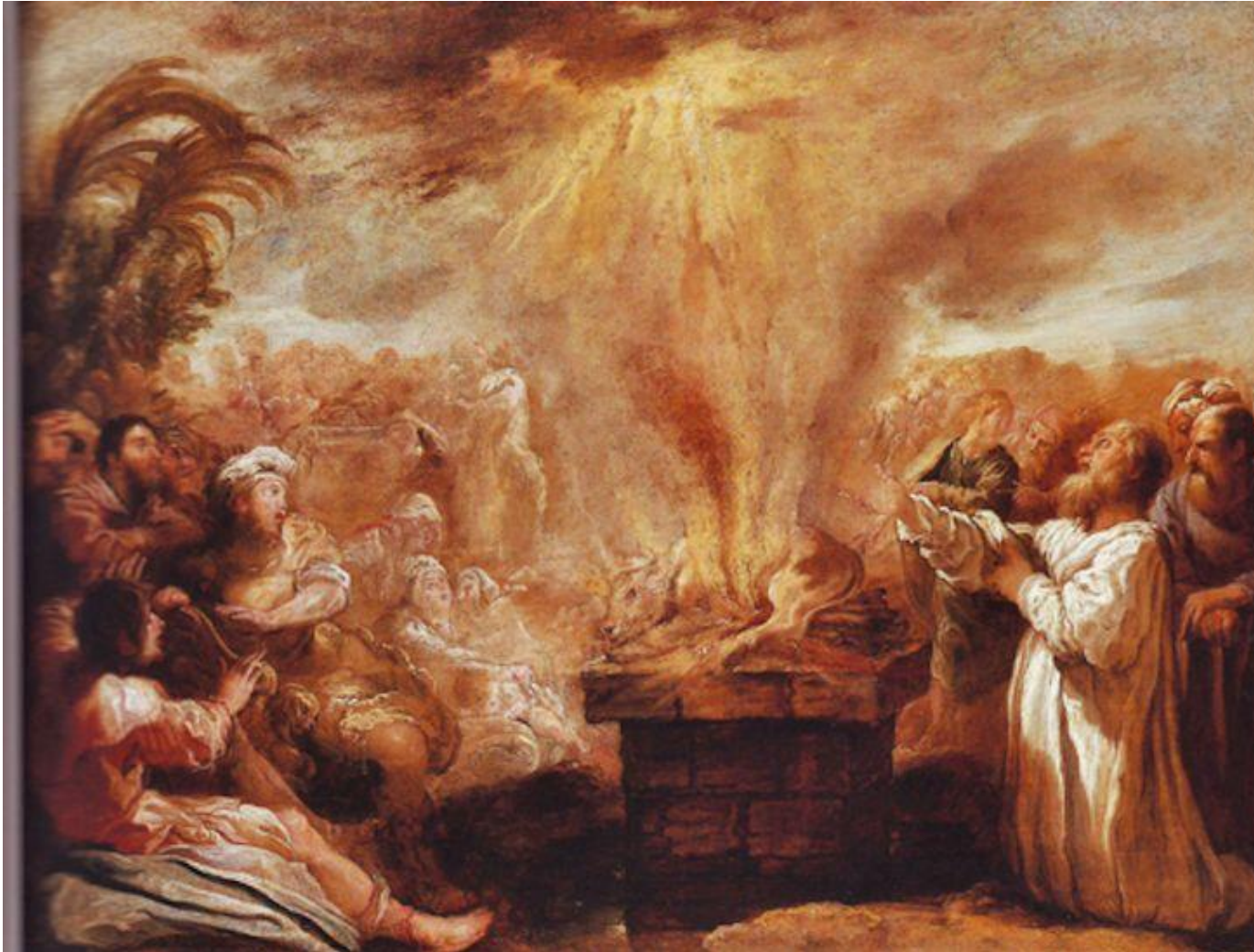
21 Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again."

22 **And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived.**

23 And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives."

24 And the woman said to Elijah, **"Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."**

20 So Ahab sent to all the people of Israel and gathered the prophets together at Mount Carmel. 21 And Elijah came near to all the people and said, "**How long will you go limping between two different opinions?** If the **LORD is God**, follow him; but if **Baal**, then follow him." And the people did not answer him a word. 22 Then Elijah said to the people, "I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD, he is God."



23 Let two bulls be given to us, and let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. And I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood and put no fire to it. 24 **And you call upon the name of your god, and I will call upon the name of the LORD, and the God who answers by fire, he is God.**



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At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: “LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, **let it be known today that you are God in Israel** and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. ³⁷ **Answer me, LORD, answer me**, so these people will know that you, LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.” ³⁸ **Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice**, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. ³⁹ When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “**The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!**” ⁴⁰

Then Elijah commanded them, “Seize the prophets of Baal. Don’t let anyone get away!” They seized them, and Elijah had them brought down to the Kishon Valley and slaughtered there.

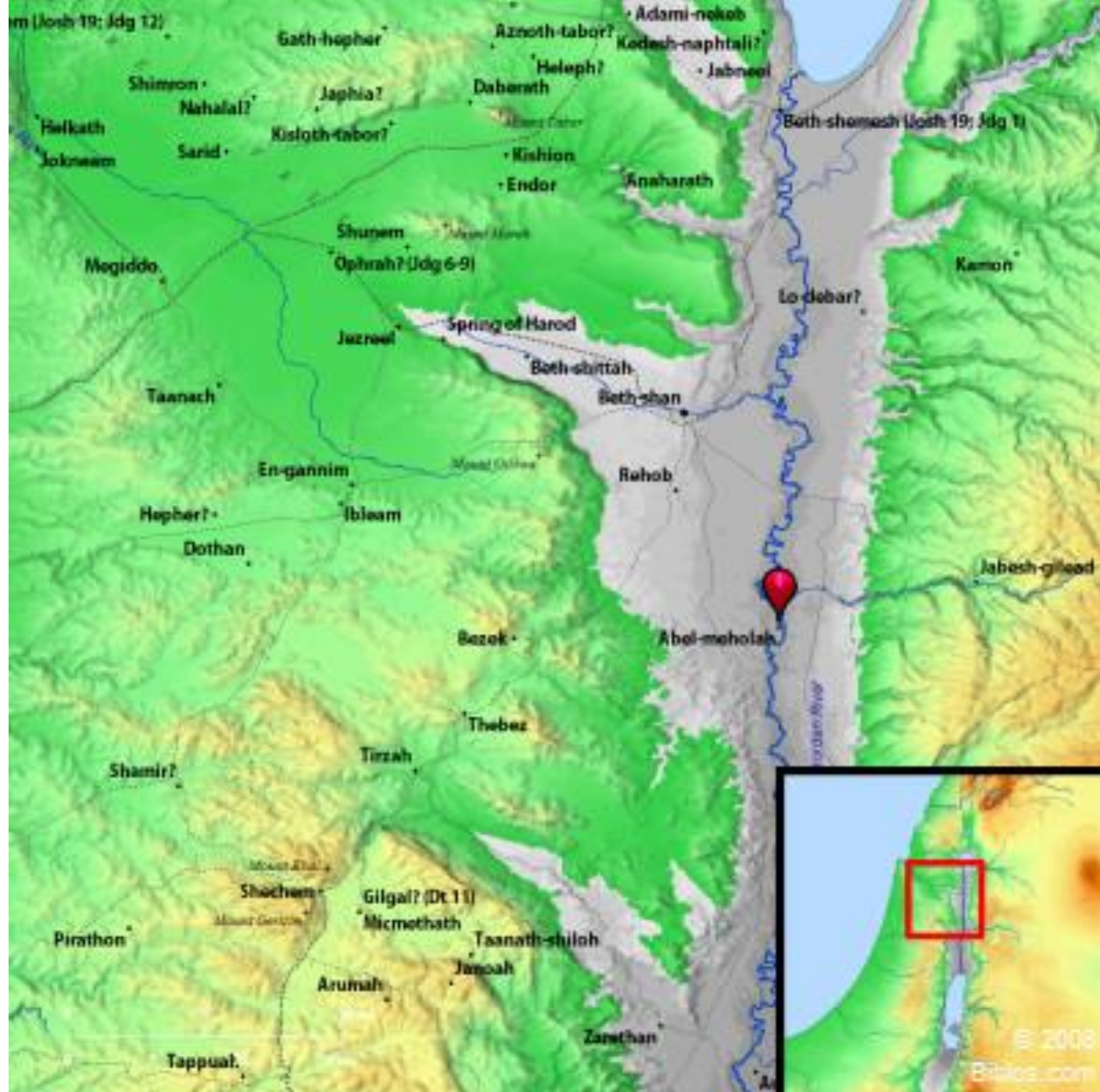
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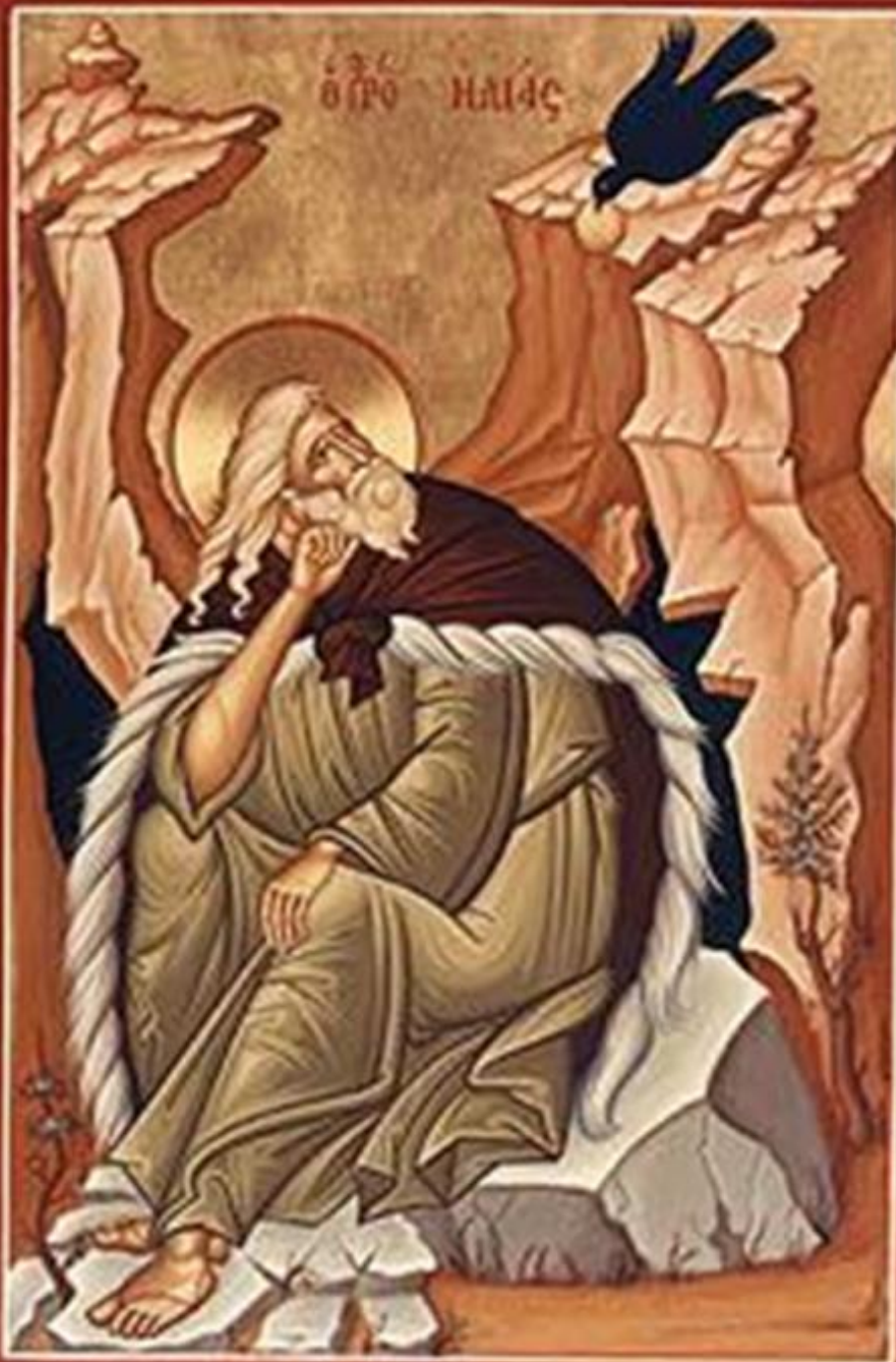
The murder of Jezebel



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ELIJAH'S EIGHT MIRACLES



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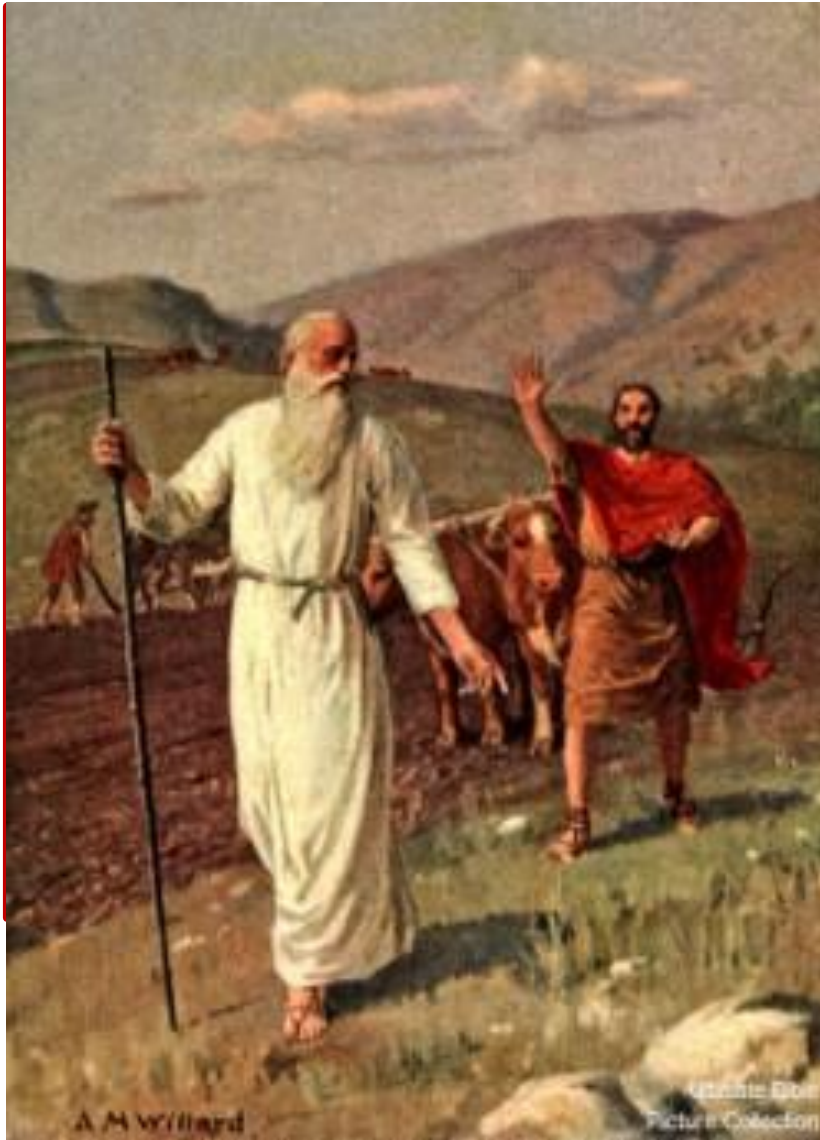
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19 So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him.

20 Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. “Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye,” he said, “and then I will come with you.” “Go back,” Elijah replied. “What have I done to you?”

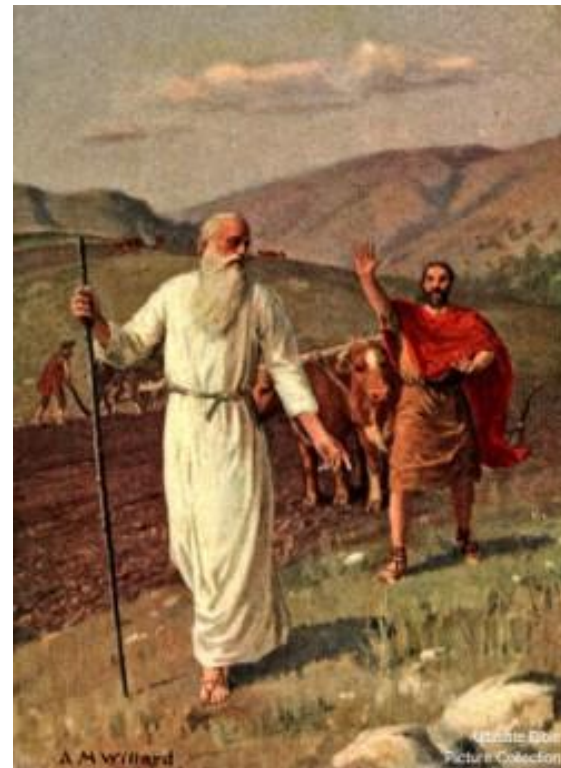
21 So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

Luke 9

someone said to him,
...“I will follow you, Lord;
but let me first say farewell to
those at my home.”⁶²

Jesus said to him,
“No one who puts a hand
to the plow and looks
back is fit for the
kingdom of God.”

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2 Kings 2



6 Then Elijah said to him,
“Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the
Jordan.”

And he replied, “As surely as the LORD
lives and as you live, I will not leave you.”

So the two of them walked on.

8 Elijah took **his cloak**, rolled it up and
struck the water with it.

**The water divided to the right and to
the left, and the two of them crossed
over on dry ground.**

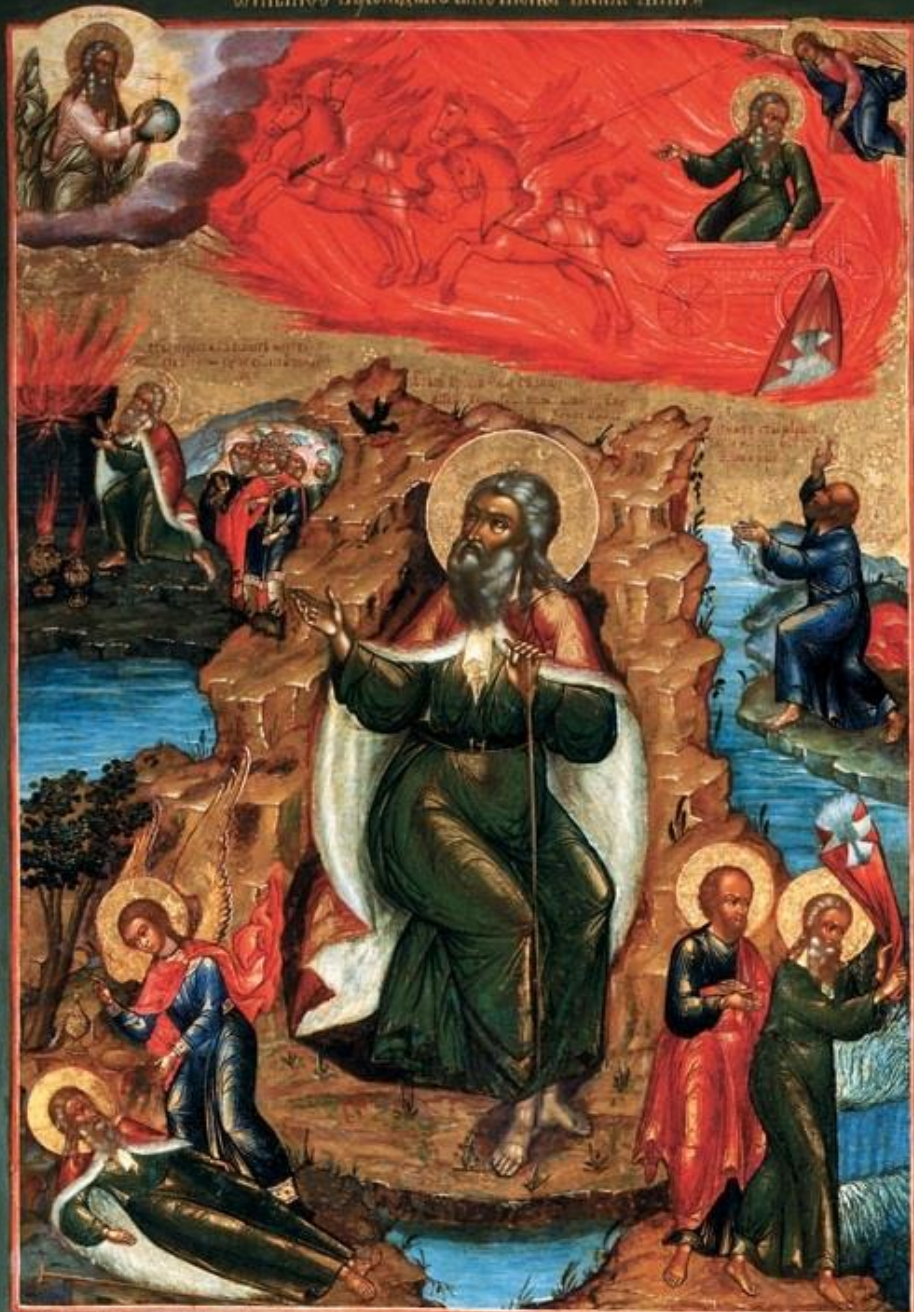
Elijah took **his cloak**

9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?”

“**Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,**” Elisha replied. 10 “You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not.” 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.



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*s in the cave (below) and on a chariot of fire. Afresco from Rila Monastery, Bulgaria,
Orthodox tradition, renovated 20th century*

2 Kings 2

12 Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

13 Elisha then picked up Elijah’s cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.



14 He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water with it. “Where now is the LORD, the God of Elijah?” he asked. **When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.**



15 The company of the prophets from Jericho, who were watching, said, “**The spirit of Elijah is resting on Elisha.**” And they went to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, **16 the water from upstream stopped** flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. **17 The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground**, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.

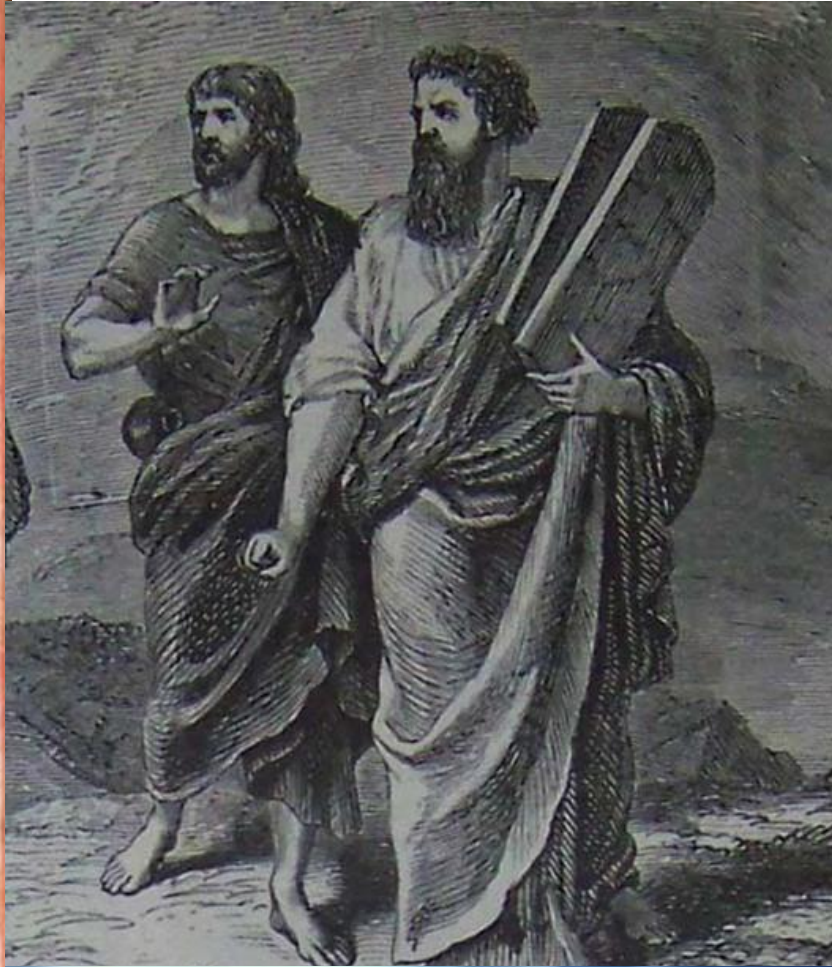


Joshua chapters 3-4

That day the Lord exalted **Joshua** in the sight of all Israel and they stood in Awe of him all the days of his life just as they had stood in awe of **Moses**.

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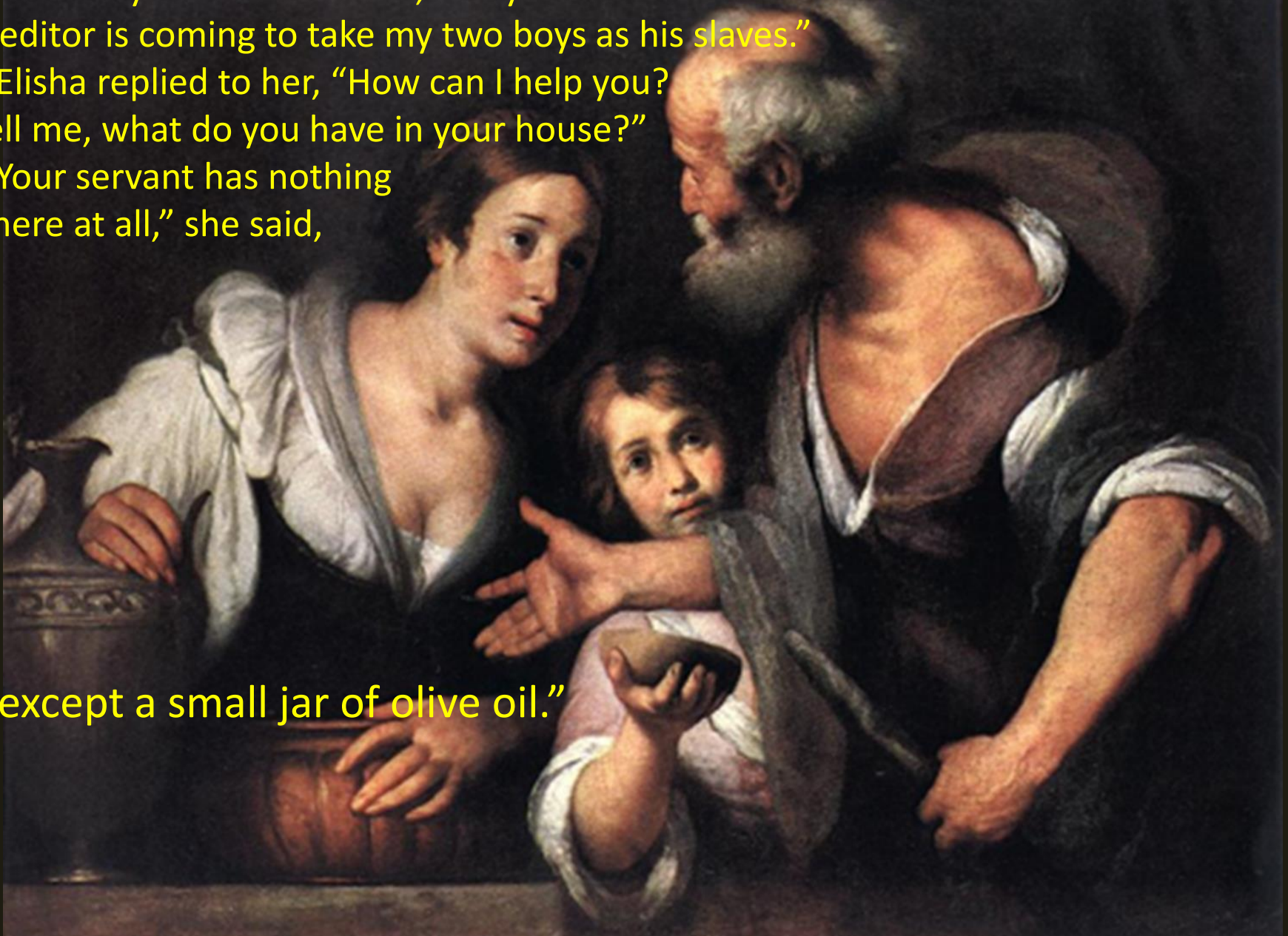


1 The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the LORD. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves.”

2 Elisha replied to her, “How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?”

“Your servant has nothing there at all,” she said,

“except a small jar of olive oil.”



מרקוס ו

אמר לה
לסת

יב את

הדשא ה
בקבוצות

הדגים
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לתלך
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הכל

3 Elisha said, “Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don’t ask for just a few. 4 Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side.”

5 She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring.

6 When all the jars were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another one.” But he replied, “There is not a jar left.” Then the oil stopped flowing.



7 She went and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left."

Judei enim multum confusi fuerunt
et audierunt

One day Elisha went to **Shunem**. And a well-to-do woman was there, who urged him to stay for a meal. So whenever he came by, he stopped there to eat. 9 She said to her husband, “I know that this man who often comes our way is a holy man of God.

10 Let’s make a **small room on the roof** and put in it a bed and a table, a chair and a lamp for him. Then he can stay there whenever he comes to us.”

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14 “What can be done for her?” Elisha asked.

Gehazi said, “She has no son, and her husband is old.”

15 Then Elisha said, “Call her.” So he called her, and she stood in the doorway.





16 “About this time next year,” Elisha said, “you will hold a son in your arms.”

“No, my lord!” she objected. “Please, man of God, don’t mislead your servant!”

17 But the woman became pregnant, and the next year about that same time she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her.

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 סֵלִים.



ELISHA'S SIXTEEN MIRACLES

ELIJAH'S EIGHT MIRACLES

- 1. Jordan river divided. (2:14)
- 2. Waters at the spring of Jericho healed. (2:21)

- 1. Shutting heaven and stopping the rain for three years. (1 kings 17:1)

- 3. Bears from the woods, destroying the mockers. (2:24)
- 4. Water for kings. (3:20)

- 2. Oil multiplied, the grain increased daily, the widow woman. (1 Kings 17:2)

- 5. Oil for widow. (4:1-4)
- 6. Gift of son. (4:16, 17)

- 3. Widow's son raised from the dead. (1 Kings 17:22, 23)

- 7. Raising the child from dead. (4:35)
- 8. Healing of the pootage (4:41)

- 4. Fire from heaven on the soaked altar. (1 Kings 18:38)

- 9. Bread multiplied. (4:43)
- 10 Naaman healed. (5:10)



- 5. Rain returns. (1 Kings 18:45)

- 11 Gehazi smitten. (5:27)
- 12 Caused the iron to swim. (6:6)

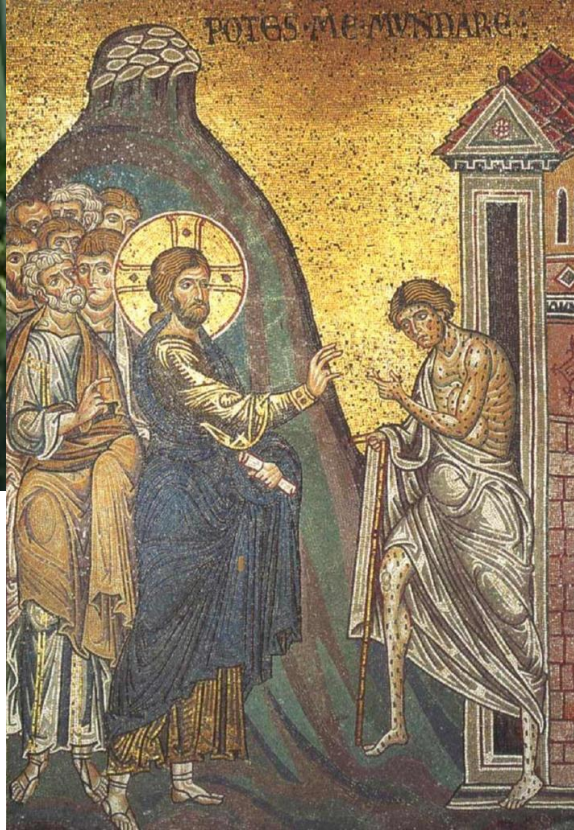
- 6. Fire brought down on the 51 soldiers. (2 Kings 1:10)

- 13 Sight to the blind. (6:17)
- 14 Smiting blindness to these men

- 7. Fire brought down of the second 51 soldiers. (2 Kings 1:12)

- 15 Restoring sight to these men. (6:20)
- 16 Miracle after his death, man comes to life by touching Elisha's bones. (13:21)

- 8. The parting of the river Jordan. (2 Kings 2:8)



כג וַיַּעַל מִשָּׁם, בַּיַּת-
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 בַּדָּרָד, וּנְעָרִים
 קִטְנִים יֵצְאוּ מִן-
 הָעִיר, וַיִּתְקַלְסוּ-בוֹ
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ט וַיֵּלֶךְ מֶלֶךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל וּמֶלֶךְ-יְהוּדָה, וּמֶלֶךְ אֲדוּם,
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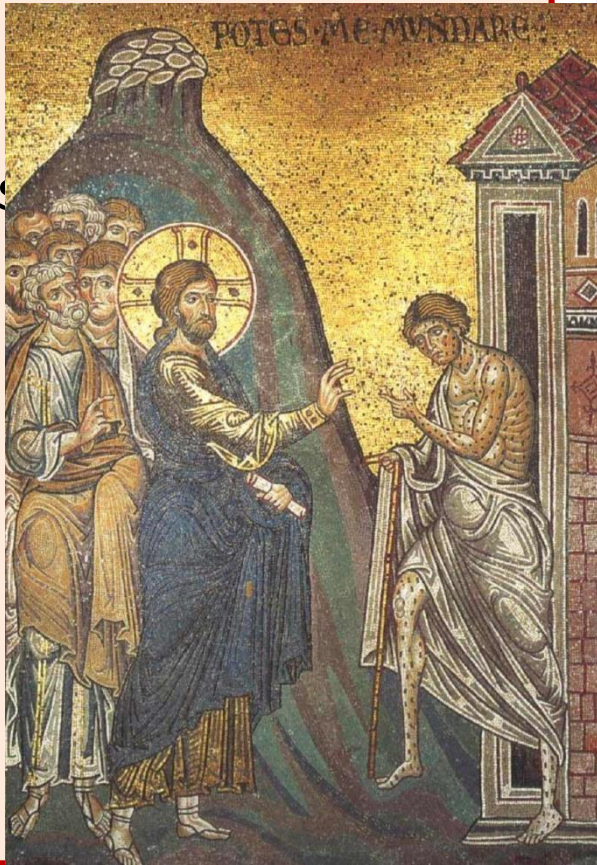
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וְעֶשְׂרִים לִיטָר.

אָמַר לָהֶם יֵשׁוּעַ: מִלְּאוּ אֶת הַכַּדִּים
מַיִם, וְהֵם מִלְּאוּ אוֹתָם עַד לְמַעְלָה.
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הַחֲתָן

וְאָמַר לוֹ: "כָּל אָדָם מִגִּישׁ תְּחִלָּה
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מִבְּסָמִים יִגִּישׁ אֶת הַטּוֹב-פְּחוֹת,
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עַד עַכְשָׁיו."

Luke 17

ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests. And as they went, they were made clean. Then he said ... your faith has made you well.'



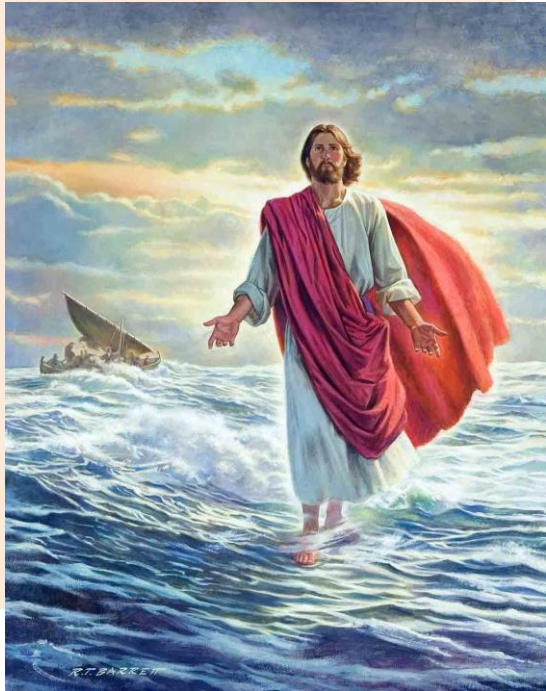
1 Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man ... and highly regarded, ...He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.

9 So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house.

10 Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

14 So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

25 And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'it is I; do not be afraid.'



They went to the Jordan and began to cut down trees. 5 As one of them was cutting down a tree, the iron axhead fell into the water. "Oh no, my lord!" he cried out. "It was borrowed!" 6 The man of God asked, "Where did it fall?" When he showed him the place, Elisha cut a stick and threw it there, and made the iron float. 7 "Lift it out," he said. Then the man reached out his hand and took it.

The Gospel of Mark 15

³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, '**Listen, he is calling for Elijah.**'

³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, **let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.**'

