

1 KINGS CHAPTER 19

¹ And Ahab told Jezebel his wife all that Elijah *had* done, and how he *had* slain the prophets with the sword. ² And Jezebel sent to Elijah, and said, "If you are Elijah and I am Jezebel, God do so to me and more also, if I do not make your life by this time tomorrow as the life of one of them!" ³ And Elijah feared, and rose, and departed for his life. And he came to Beersheba, *to* the land of Judah, and he left his servant there.

⁴ And he himself went a day's journey in the wilderness, and came and sat under a juniper tree; and asked concerning his life that he might die, and said, "Let it be enough now, O Lord, take my life from me, I pray, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵ And he lay down and slept there under the tree. And behold, someone touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat." ⁶ And Elijah looked, and behold, at his head there was a cake of bread and a jar of water. And he arose, and ate and drank, and returned and laid down. ⁷ And the Angel of the Lord returned again, and touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat, for the journey *is* too great for you." ⁸ And he arose, and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights, to Mount Horeb.

⁹ And he entered there into a cave, and rested there. And behold, the word of the Lord *came* to him, and He said, "What are you *doing* here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ And Elijah said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord Almighty, because the children of Israel have forsaken You; they have dug down Your altars, and have slain Your prophets with the sword; and I alone am left, and they seek my life, to take it."

¹¹ And He said, "You shall go forth tomorrow, and shall stand before the Lord in the mount; and behold, the Lord will pass by." And a great *and* strong wind tore into the mountains, and crushed the rocks before the Lord; *but* the Lord *was* not in the wind. And after the wind *there was* an earthquake; *but* the Lord *was* not in the earthquake. ¹² And after the earthquake *there was* a fire; *but* the Lord *was* not in the fire. And after the fire *there was* the voice of a gentle breeze. ¹³ And it came to pass when Elijah heard, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went forth and stood in the cave. And behold, a voice *came* to him and said, "What are you *doing* here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ And Elijah said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord Almighty; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, and they have overthrown Your altars, and have slain Your prophets with the sword! And I alone am left, and they seek my life, to take it." ¹⁵ And the Lord said to him, "Go, return, and you shall come into the way of the Wilderness of Damascus; and you shall go and anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶ And Jehu the son of Nimshi shall you anoint to be king over Israel; and Elisha the son of Shaphat shall you anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷ And it shall come to pass that whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall slay; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall slay. ¹⁸ And you shall leave in Israel seven thousand men, all the knees which had not bowed themselves to Baal, and every mouth which had not worshipped him."

¹⁹ And he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, and he was plowing with oxen; *there were* twelve yoke before him, and he was with the twelve, and he passed by to him, and cast his mantle upon him. ²⁰ And Elisha left the cattle, and ran after Elijah and said, "I will kiss my father, and follow after

you." And Elijah said, "Go, return, for I have done it for you." ²¹ And he returned from following him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them, and boiled them with the instruments of the oxen, and gave to the people, and they ate. And he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered to him.