

1 Kings 19

King James Version (KJV)

19 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. (He killed 850 total of her Baal prophets and priests of the groves)

NOTE: (Did Ahab learn a new revelation from Elijah's demonstration of God's power, versus the lack of power from Baal? No, he didn't. This man must have been very stupid. The people seemed to get it; but will it last in their minds? Or will they just return to Baal worship?)

²Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time. (This is a death threat to Elijah; the gods – Jezebel is a heathen and a murderess)

³And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there. (He left his servant for his protection. Elijah was marked for death by the queen)

2Corinthians-12:9 (Strength is made perfect in weakness. When you cannot handle a certain situation, ask God for His strength to help you deal with it)

(Paul also wrote - When I am weak, then I am strong <because God strengthens us>) 2Corinthians-12:10

⁴But 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 away my life; for I am not better than my fathers. (Elijah thinks that he failed in turning the Israelites back to God. God didn't tell him to run off in the wilderness. Elijah did this of his own volition)

⁵And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

⁶And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. (This is the 3rd miraculous feeding by God- the ravens, the widow, and now the Angel of the Lord, Himself. The Angel of the Lord is God in angelic form)

⁷ And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.

⁸ And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God. (This is a mountain range which includes Sinai, where Moses received the 10 commandments) (Elijah had traveled about 180 miles from Beersheba)

⁹ And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? (God is asking Elijah - what are you doing here? Elijah is acting of his own volition. He believes that the situation is hopeless. Jezebel is a cold blooded murderess and she wants him dead)

Exodus-33:22 (God hid Moses there as He allowed Moses to see Him pass by)

¹⁰ And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. (jealous = zealous – better translation)

See Romans-11:2-3 (Paul quoted this verse when he was being persecuted for the sake of God)

NOTE: (Paul wasn't even a prophet. He was a great Bible teacher, recruited by God. And yet, he was persecuted over and over again while having committed no crimes. Teach God's Word fully and completely and the world will hate you. This should be a lesson to those who say that they wish that they had been prophets. A prophet's life was very hard)

¹¹ And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: (This is Mount Sinai. God is possibly demonstrating to Elijah that He is very capable of protecting him; while dealing with Ahab and Jezebel)

¹² And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. (This is translated in the Septuagint – “a gentle breeze”)

See Exodus-34:17 (God was not the fire or the earthquake or the wind. HE is God. Do not worship the signs of God’s presence. Worship God)

NOTE: (It is possible that God was showing Elijah that if He wanted to destroy Israel, He could easily do it. God is almighty. HE isn’t afraid of any king, queen or nation. If God directs someone to do something for Him, He will protect that person and no one can stand against him. This is a good lesson for the Elect, when they will be persecuted by antichrist in the end days)

¹³ And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? Exodus-3:6 (The same as Moses did)

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(Elijah is feeling alone. He doesn’t realize that one person and God make a majority)

¹⁵ And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria: (Hazael = God sees) (God wants Syria to chastise Israel, not destroy them. Hazael will do just that. God is telling Elijah to get back to doing His work)

¹⁶ And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. (Ahab must be on his way out as king of Israel)

(Elisha will replace Elijah. He will do the anointing of Jehu and Hazael, after Elijah anoints him)

¹⁷ And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu

shall Elisha slay. (This is the vengeance of God upon the idol worshippers in Israel. They have been judged and will be punished for their sins)

Revelation-1:16 (The 2 edged sword of Jesus Christ is symbolic for His Word. That is what proceeds out of His mouth)

¹⁸ Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him. (The 7000 are prophetic also for the 7000 Elect, who will stand against antichrist in Revelation-15:3)

¹⁹ So he departed thence, 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. (Elisha was from a wealthy family. He had 12 yokes of oxen)

(Passing the mantle is symbolic for choosing his replacement as a prophet of God)

²⁰ And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee? (Do what you will. I haven't told you what to do)

²¹ And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him. (Elisha knew that he wasn't coming back home again. He became Elijah's servant)