

Elijah and Elisha

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INTRODUCTION

(1 Ki 17:1) Elijah (a Gileadite) prophesied a drought to Ahab

(1 Ki 17:2–7) The Lord told Elijah to hide by the brook Cherith, where ravens fed him there until the brook went dry

(1 Ki 17:8–16) The Lord sent Elijah to a poor widow on the verge of dying of hunger who shared her last meal with Elijah, who then miraculously extended her food supply

(1 Ki 17:17–24) The widow's young son died, Elijah raised him, and she believed that he was a prophet of God

(1 Ki 18:1–16) When the Lord sent Elijah to Ahab, he met Obadiah (a believing steward of Ahab, who had sheltered 100 prophets, when Jezebel was killing all the prophets of God) and Obadiah requested that Elijah stay to actually meet Ahab

(1 Ki 18:17–19) Ahab called Elijah the troubler of Israel, but Elijah called Ahab Israel's troubler and requested that he gather Baal's 450 prophets at Mount Carmel

(1 Ki 18:20–24) Elijah proposed that he and the prophets of Baal each prepare a sacrifice; they would pray for their gods to consume their sacrifice with fire; Elijah would pray for His God to consume his sacrifice with fire

(1 Ki 18:25–29) The prophets of Baal prayed all day until evening and cut themselves while Elijah mocked, but their sacrifice was not consumed with fire

(1 Ki 18:30–40) Elijah prepared his sacrifice, had it drenched with water, and prayed that God would vindicate Himself as the God of Israel before His rebellious people, and the sacrifice was consumed with fire; then they killed the prophets of Baal

(1 Ki 18:41–46) Elijah prophesied to Ahab that the drought would end, so he needed to hurry to Jezreel before the mud would stop his chariot, but the Lord enabled Elijah to outrun the chariot as a single cloud (the-size-of-a-man's hand) grew and darkened and made a torrent of rain

(1 Ki 19:1–10) Jezebel's threat against his life caused Elijah to flee in panic, but an angel sustained him as he went to Horeb, while thinking that he alone was left faithful to the Lord

(1 Ki 19:11–18) The Lord showed several miraculous signs, but finally revealed Himself in a still small voice, commanded Elijah of three remaining tasks, while indicating that He still had 7000 who had not bowed their knee to Baal

(19:19–21) Elijah found Elisha plowing, threw his mantle to him, who then said farewell to his parents, offered a sacrifice and followed Elijah

(2 Ki 2:1–15) Elisha accompanied Elijah with the sons of the prophets nearby and a chariot of fire took Elijah, whose mantle fell giving Elisha the double portion of his spirit

CONCLUSION