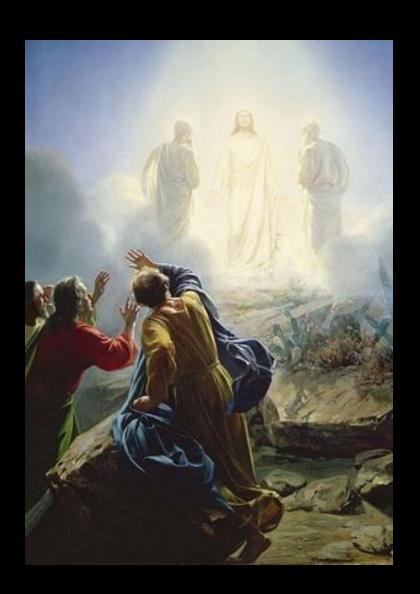
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Overview of the Life of Elijah

A. 1 Kings 17

- 1. Announces a famine
- 2. Sustained by God
 - a. Ravens
 - b. Widow of Zarephath
- 3. Restores the life of the widow's only son

1 Kings 17:24

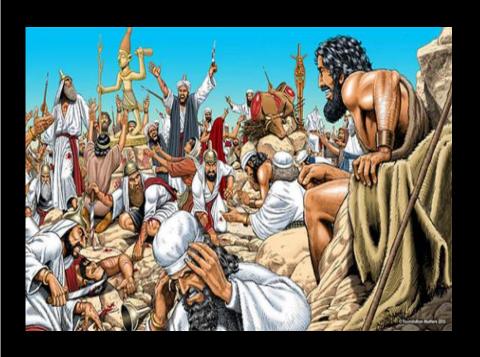
And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.

Overview of the Life of Elijah

B. 1 Kings 18:1-38

1 Kings 18:39

And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.





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B. 1 Kings 18:40-45





1 Kings 19:1-3

1 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then 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.

3 And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

NOW HE IS RUNNING FOR HIS LIFE!!!

1 Kings 19:4-8

4 But 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.

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

I. The Lord's Care Of Elijah (19:4-8)

1 Kings 19:4-8 - continued

- 6 And 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.
- 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.

I. The Lord's Care Of Elijah (19:4-8)

- A. When he is feeling mighty low!
 - 1. A day's journey into the wilderness
 - a. Does not want to face anyone
 - b. Does not want to talk to anyone
 - c. Does not want to assume any responsibility
 - 2. Decides there is not any use to living
 - a. Enough! I have had it!!
 - b. Take my life away
 - c. How sad!!

I. The Lord's Care Of Elijah (19:4-8)

B. He is confused

- 1. He flees death but now he seeks it
- 2. The depressed person does not know what he wants
- 3. Finally seeks refuge from sleep

C. God still cares even we do not

- 1. The angel wakes him up
- 2. Food and water provided
- 3. The angel wakes him up again
 We are not fed to go back to sleep again
- 4. He directs us to where He wants us
 Horeb = Mountain of God

1 Kings 19:9

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?

- A. A discouraged man of God
 - 1. Trembling when he should have been trusting
 - 2. Pouting when he should have been praising

- B. This is God's question to a Christian ...
 - 1. Defeated by fear

Isaiah 41:10

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

2. Who thinks he has no reason to live

Psalm 42:11

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

- B. This is God's question to a Christian ...
 - 3. Overwhelmed by problems
- 1 Peter 5:7

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

- 4. Focusing on the fruits of others
- 2 Corinthians 10:12

For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

- B. This is God's question to a Christian ...
 - 5. Who has turned his back of God

Isaiah 55:7

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

6. Who remembers a better day

Philippians 3:13

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

1 Kings 19:11-16

- 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:
- 12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.
- 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?

III. The Lord's Commission To Elijah (19:11-16)

1 Kings 19:11-16 - continued 14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because 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. 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: 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.

III. The Lord's Commission To Elijah (19:11-16)

- A. "Go forth and stand on the mount before the Lord"
- B. What an experience that was!!
 - 1. Wind breaks the mountains and rocks
 - 2. Earthquake shakes the ground under his feet
 - 3. Fire erupts around him
 - 4. Do we look at the results of God or to the God that causes the results?
- C. What must God do to get your attention?

III. The Lord's Commission To Elijah (19:11-16)

- D. Again God asks, "What doest thou here?"
- E. Elijah's response
 - "I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts:"
 - "I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."
- F. God's commission "Go, return on thy way"

IV. The Lord's Companions For Elijah (19:18-21)

- A. You are not alone in your fight
- 1 Kings 19:18

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.

IV. The Lord's Companions For Elijah (19:18-21)

- B. You will have ready help
- 1 Kings 19:19-21
- 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.
- 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?
- 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.

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