

ELIJAH: FROM JEZREEL TO HOREB

1 Review

- 1.1 Elijah called (1 Kgs 17.1 – 2)
- 1.2 Time at Kerith (Cherith) Brook (17.3 – 7)
- 1.3 Miracle at Zarephath (17.8 – 24)
- 1.4 Found by Obadiah, meets Ahab (18.1 – 19)
- 1.5 Contest w/ prophets of Baal and of Asherah (18.20 – 40)
- 1.6 The rains come (18.41 – 46)
- 1.7 Good lesson for us (Jas 5.17 – 18)

2 Elijah flees to Horeb (Sinai)

- 2.1 Elijah threatened by Jezebel (19.1 – 3) [A funny anecdote.]
- 2.2 Flees to wilderness, sits under a broom bush, and prays to die (19.4 – 5) (why?)
- 2.3 Awakened by angel, fed, told to go to Horeb (19.6 – 8)
- 2.4 Conversation w/ the Lord (19.9 – 18)
 - 2.4.1 God's query and Elijah's answer (19.9 – 11) – two times (why?)
 - 2.4.2 The Lord passes by (19.12 – 14)
 - 2.4.2.1 Strong wind \
 - 2.4.2.2 Earthquake | --> (Cf. Ex 19.16 – 20)
 - 2.4.2.3 Fire /
 - 2.4.2.4 "A sound of crushing silence" (vs. 12. [Heb: קוֹל דְּמִמָּה דָּקָה]. Cf.

Josh 10.12 – 13. [Heb: וַיִּיָּדָם and וַיִּיָּדָם]. I.e., "Sun be silent"; "sun was silent.")

2.5 The Lord's directive to Elijah

2.5.1 Get up, go, and ... (19.15 – 17)

2.5.1.1 Anoint Hazael king over Aram [Syria] (vs. 15)

2.5.1.2 Anoint Jehu king over Israel (vs. 16a)

2.5.1.3 Anoint Elisha as successor (vs. 16b) |

2.5.2 An encouraging note: Elijah is not alone (vs. 18. Cf. Gen 18.22 - 33)

2.5.3 Elijah anoints Elisha (19.19 – 21)

EXCURSUS: A NOTE ON PROPHECY AND FULFILLMENT

The order of the giving of the directives to Elijah:

1. Anoint Hazael (19.15)
2. Anoint Jehu (19.16a)
3. Anoint Elisha (19.16b)

The order of fulfillment:

1. Anointing of Elisha (1 Kgs 19.18 – 21)
2. Elisha anoints Hazael (2 Kgs 8.7 – 15)
3. An unnamed prophet at Elisha's directive anoints Jehu (2 Kgs 9.1 – 13)

In short, prophecy and fulfillment are not straightforward, and many other examples exist illustrating this fact. Keep this in mind—especially when reading apocalyptic material.