

THE DEATH SPIRAL

- The northern kingdom of Israel hits bottom
- Jezebel a native of Sidon and Tyre
- *Eliyahu* = Elijah
- Yeshua and Malachi speak of Elijah
- Elijah will play a key role in the End Times

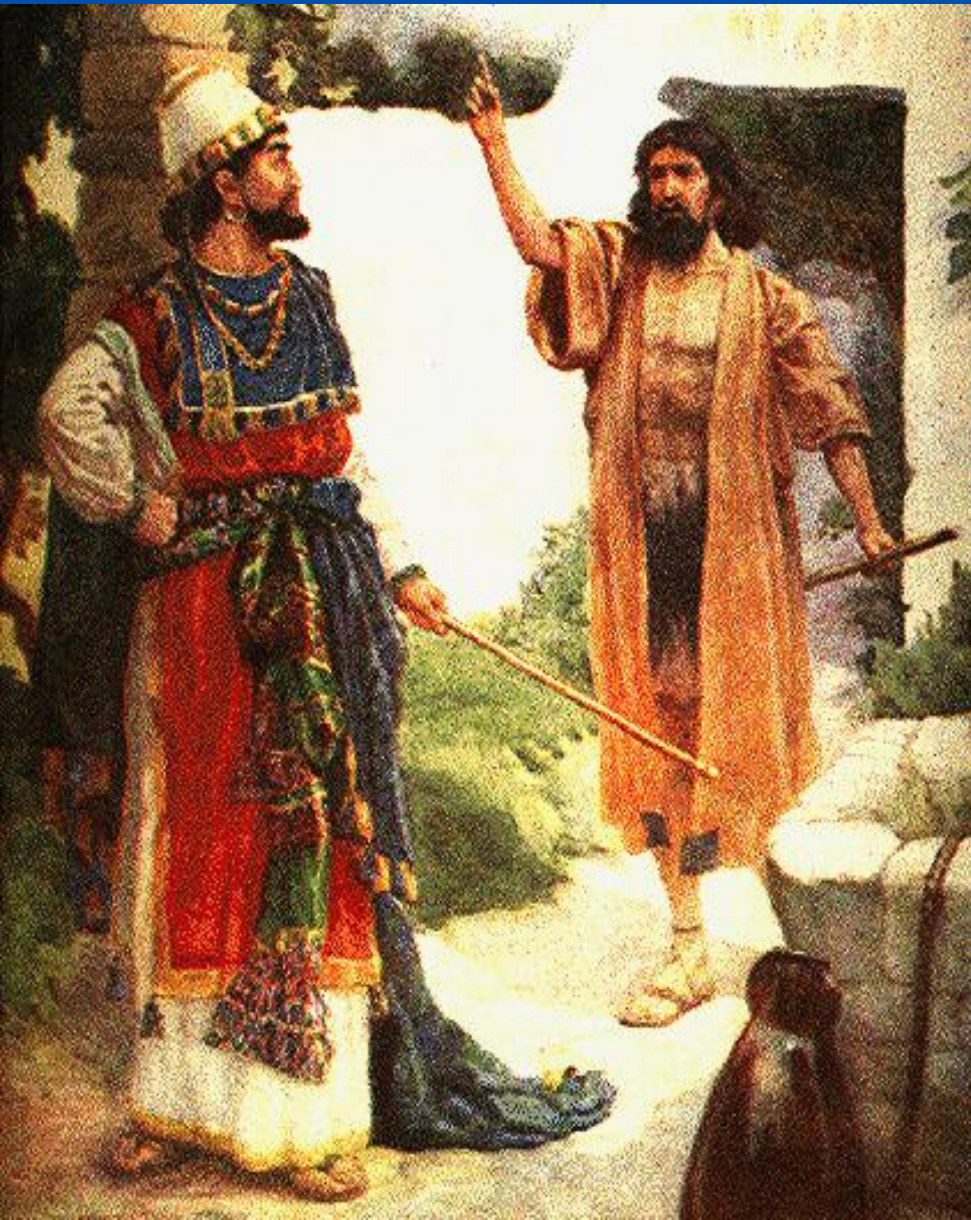


1ST KINGS 17: ELIJAH

- Elijah born in *Tishbe* of the Upper Galilee
- Immigrated to Gilead
- Probably a Levite priest
- Some say a Benjamite, or a Gadite
- God orders Elijah to sacrifice on an altar, and that was reserved for Levite priests



ELIJAH CONFRONTS ACHAV



- Probably confrontation was at King's palace in Samaria
- Elijah threatens to stop the rain and the dew
- Hebrew Tradition is that Elijah came to *Hiel's* sons' funeral
- There are REASONS and CAUSES that Bible characters behave and do as they do
- Many details were considered common knowledge to the anticipated Scripture audience, Hebrews, and so were not recorded

ELIJAH'S THREAT



- 1st : the threat is an application of Deuteronomy 11:16, 17
- 2nd : Elijah could shut up the skies and re-open them on his own authority
- 3rd : Dew was a critical part of watering plants in the Middle East
- NO rain OR dew means catastrophic drought

SIMILAR EVENTS REPEAT AT A FUTURE TIME

- Rev. 11:3 – 6
- The Two Witnesses
- These 2 prophets can stop the rain for 3 ½ yrs.
- Mal. 3:23, 24
- Elijah comes just before the Day of the Lord
- Luke 4:24 – 26
- Yeshua says Elijah stopped the rain for 3 ½ years!
- PATTERNS! Elijah and perhaps Moses are the Two Witnesses



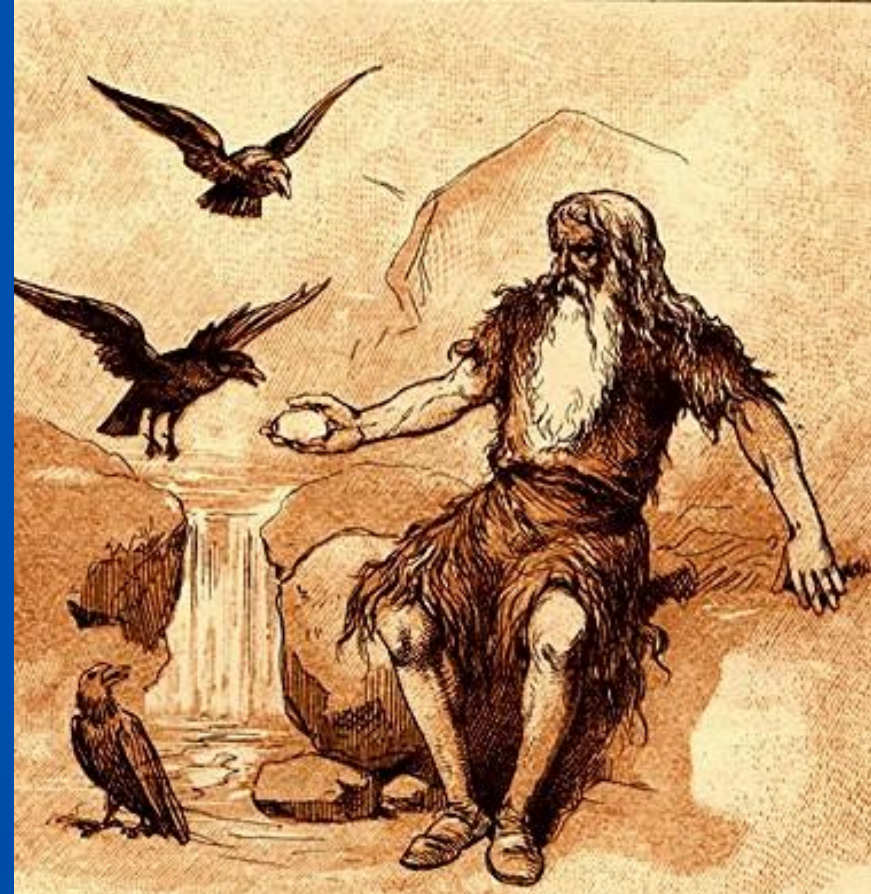
YHWH SENDS ELIJAH INTO HIDING



- Did Elijah go FAR to the east and cross the Jordan River? Probably.
- Elijah was to be fed by wild ravens
- The Lord would “reprogram” the ravens’ instincts to do what was formerly unnatural for them

MIRACLE OF THE RAVENS

- Later Rabbis thought ravens wouldn't help humans, were unclean birds, and food wouldn't be kosher!
- **Oreb** = Raven
- NOT Arab merchants nor a village
- Some Wadis have brooks run almost year 'round in them
- When brook stopped, Elijah knew the drought was in full effect



THE WIDOW OF TZARFAT

- Lord now directs Elijah to a widow who resides in *Tzarfat* of Sidon
- This is Jezebel's hometown! Part of her father *Ethbaal's* kingdom
- She was a GENTILE
- Woman didn't consciously know she was to host Elijah, and Elijah didn't know which widow
- She was gathering sticks to cook the last of her flour for bread, and then expected to die of starvation



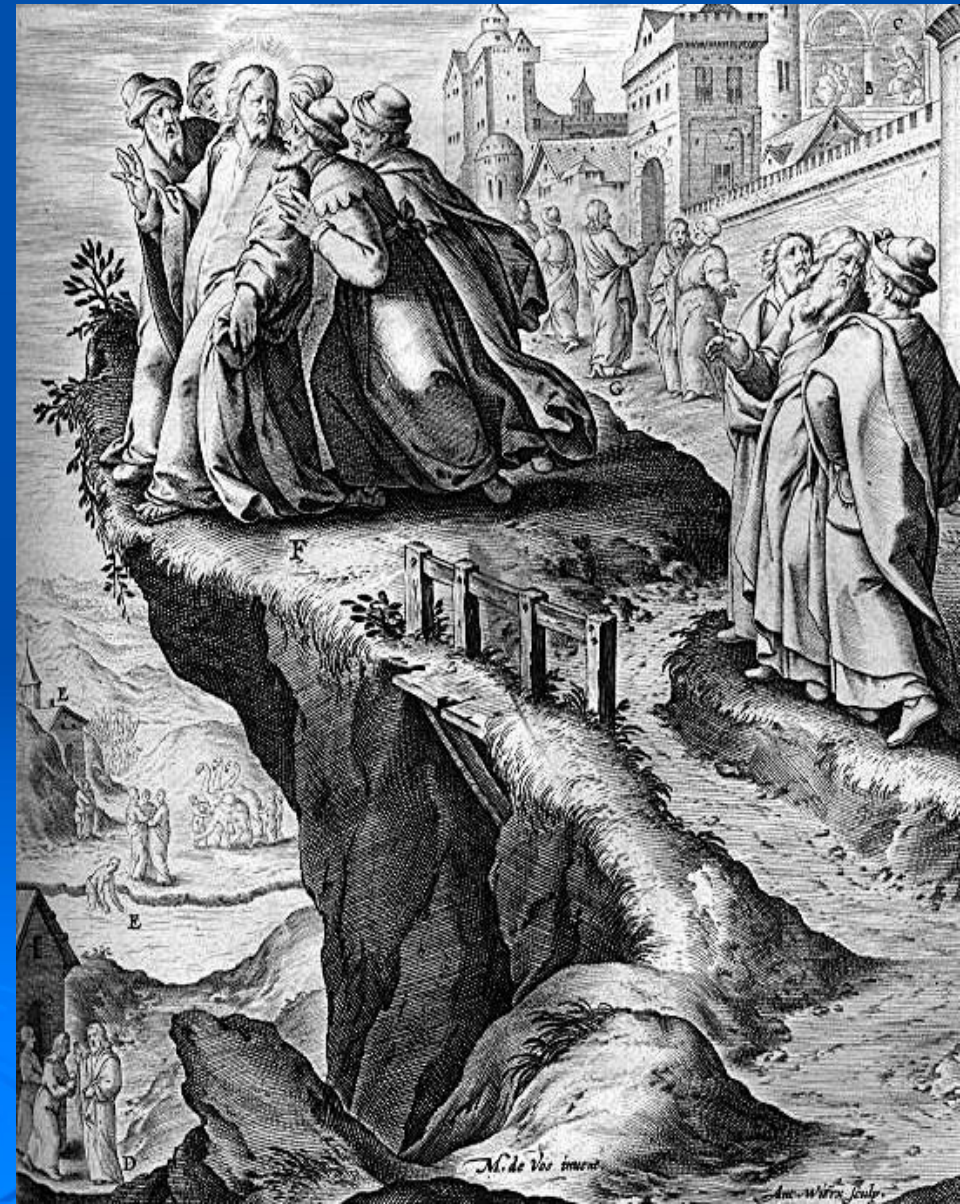
THE MIRACLE OF THE BREAD



- Drought had reached Sidon and Tyre
- She knew of YHWH
- Elijah said if she gave him bread, she would never run out of flour
- She believed, with simple faith in the Word of the God of Israel
- She gave up the familiar, comfortable, rational and logical, in exchange for faith in YHWH

“No prophet is accepted in his hometown.....”

- Luke 4:24 – 26
- Yeshua says God could have sent Elijah to Hebrew widows in Israel, but instead sent him to a gentile in a foreign nation
- Israel was apostate and would not have accepted Elijah
- Widow’s son takes ill and dies

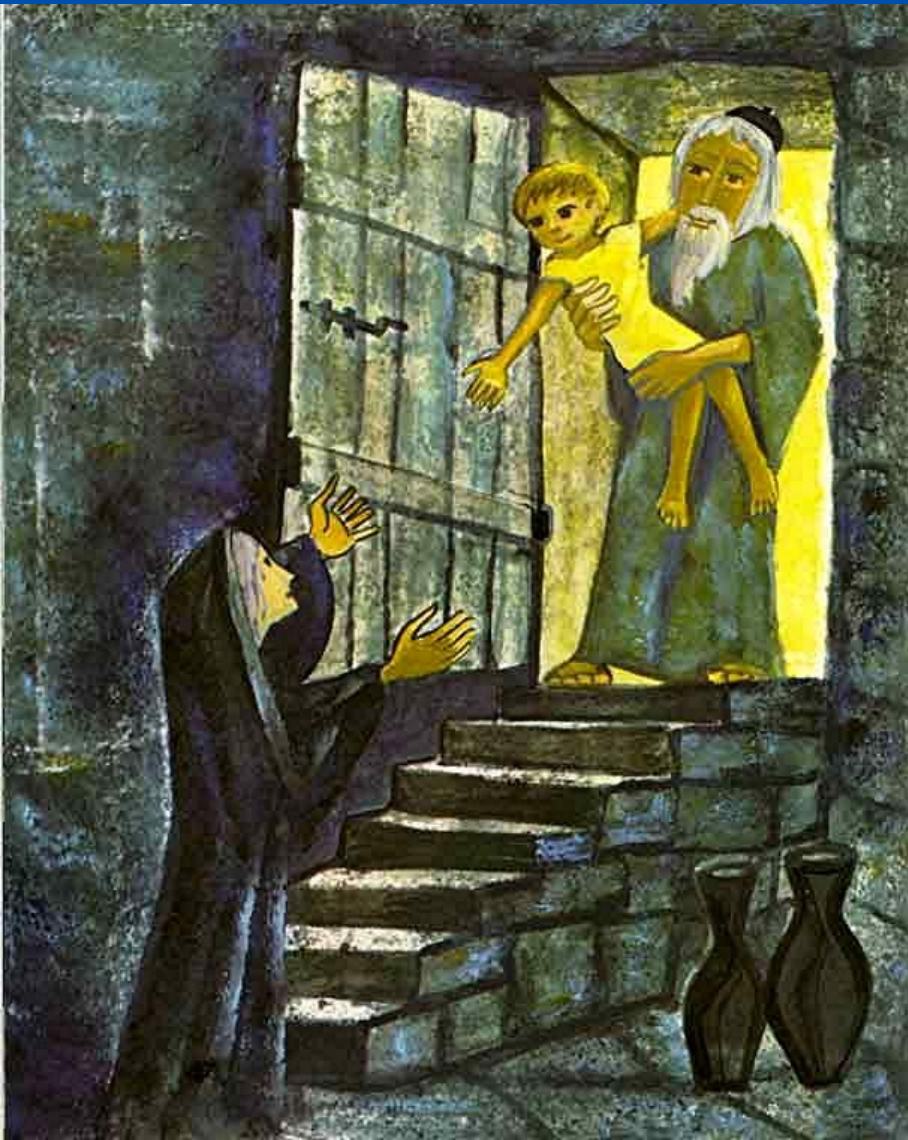


THE FIRST BODILY RESURRECTION RECORDED IN THE BIBLE



- Widow accuses Elijah of bringing God near so that He saw her sins
- This caused YHWH to kill her son in punishment of her sins
- Simple faith mixed with pagan/carnal superstitions is a dangerous thing
- We must immediately upon Salvation study God's Word, beginning at the beginning! Genesis

FROM HALF-HEATHEN TO FULLY TRANSFORMED !



- Without a son the widow will have no one to care for her in old age
- Also her deceased husband's life essence will terminate
- God did NOT punish this woman
- But He did use the boy's death for His glory and to reveal His works
- It was a GENTILE boy who is the subject of the first bodily resurrection recorded in the Bible, but through a Hebrew prophet !