

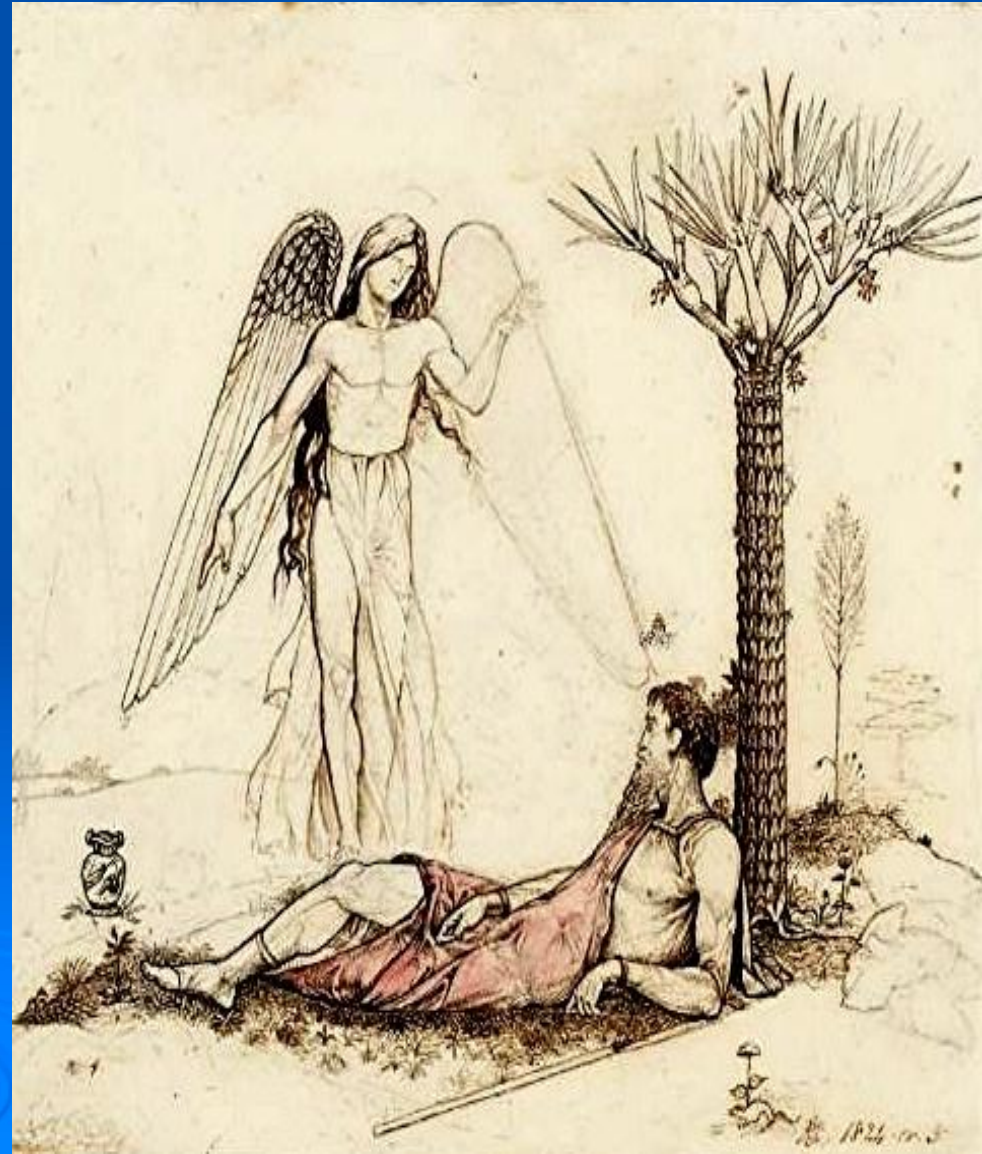
ELIJAH FLEES FROM JEZEBEL



- Jezebel can easily replace those killed 450 prophets of Ba'al
- Jezebel succeeded in getting Elijah to give up and leave her kingdom
- *Eliyahu* leaves with his assistant for Be'er Sheva in Judah

ELIJAH WANTS TO DIE

- Elijah is questioning the worth of his God-given gifting as a Prophet
- No indication that his ancestors were prophets
- Elijah feels that it's better to die here, than be tortured to death by Jezebel
- Elijah knows that his death means the termination of his existence





MALACH YHWH

- An “angel” touched Elijah to awaken him
- **Malach** = angel
- **Uggah** = Bedouin flat bread
- **Malach YHWH** = Angel of the Lord (YHWH)
- A manifestation of God
- **Malach elohim** = an ordinary angel
- **Malachim** = angels (plural)

40: A TIME OF TRANSITION

- Eliyahu travels 40 days and nights to Horeb
- He did not go nearly 6 weeks without food or water
- Traditional Mt. Sinai (Horeb) is NOT the real one
- Real one is on the Arabian Peninsula



ELIJAH ARRIVES AT HOREB

- THE cave, not A cave
- Probably the same place Moses hid as God passed by
- Exodus 33:17 – 23
- ***“What are you doing here, Elijah?”***
- Meaning, why are you here and not in Israel? Why did you leave the mission field and abandon My People?



ELIJAH COMPLAINS TO GOD



- Elijah's response is unbecoming for a Prophet
- He responds somewhat like Na'omi and David did
- Complaining to God is generally OK
- However..... It does reveal that we don't agree with God
- Elijah says that despite his great zeal for God, and his personal sacrifice, he is as good as dead
- Elijah thinks the Lord needs to pour out His wrath on the His people of the Northern Kingdom

US versus THEM

- Elijah felt that Israel should be judged, apart from him
- Romans 11:1-5 “...*has God repudiated His people....?.....Heaven forbid!...*”
- Paul uses Elijah’s request for God to repudiate His people and God’s refusal to make his point
- By GRACE God chose the 7000, and by GRACE God chooses the HEBREW remnant in Paul’s day
- God says that He will NOT repudiate His Chosen People as long as there is a faithful remnant
- So why does the Church say otherwise?
- Elijah was bitter because he did not see what he thought ought to be the fruit of his works

ELIJAH IS SCHOOLED AT HOREB

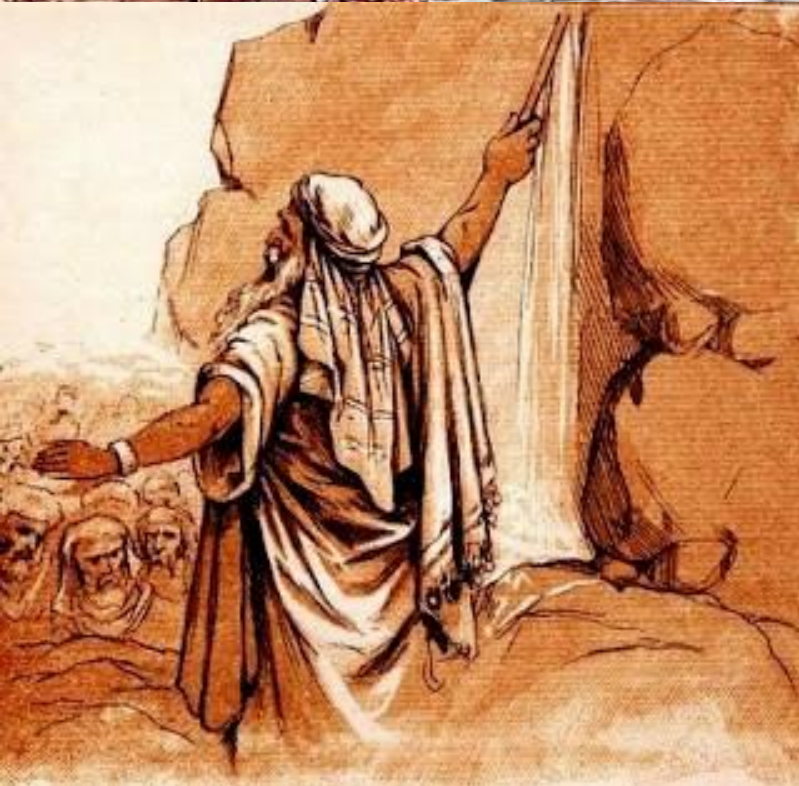


- Elijah goes back into the cave
- A storm, earthquake, and fire appear
- God says that He is not in these things
- These things do NOT define his character
- They are used for wrath
- Then a still quiet voice speaks
- God's character is reflected in that gentle voice
- Being patient is God's way to turn people away from sin and towards repentance



ELIJAH LEARNS NOTHING

- Elijah responds to God's teaching by repeating himself in answer to the question: ***"Why are you here?"***
- God's ways are shalom, and ***Eliyahu*** has done the opposite
- 1Kings 17:1 "I, Elijah"
- 1Kings 18:1 "I, YHWH"
- Moses angrily struck the rock, took credit for the water, so his ministry was prematurely ended by the Lord





- The Lord instructs **Eliyahu** to anoint **Elisha** as prophet
- Elijah to go to Damascus, anoint **Haza'el** as King of Aram (Syria), and **Yehu** as King of Israel
- However, it was **Elisha** how would anoint **Haza'el** and send a disciple to anoint **Yehu**
- **Elijah** puts his prophet's mantle onto **Elisha**
- **Elisha** was plowing NOT a team of 12 oxen, but rather was plowing with the 12th team

ELISHA BURNT HIS BRIDGES TO THE PAST

- **Elisha** wanted to “kiss” his parents before he left with Elijah
- Not the same as the man who wanted to bury his father in Matt. 8:18 – 22
- **Elisha** was showing respect, man in Matthew wanted to delay
- **Elisha** burned up his plow and his team of oxen so that he wouldn't look back, but only go forward in God's new reality for him as His Prophet

