

ELIJAH AND KING ACHAZYAH



- *Achazyah* has taken over the throne from his father *Achav*
- *Achazyah* has fallen out of a 2nd story window and is injured
- Sends messengers to the Philistine Fly God *Ba'al Z'vuv* to inquire if he will live or die
- *Achazyah* has renounced YHWH as his god

ELIJAH CALLS DOWN FIRE ON SOLDIERS OF THE KING

- It was well known that Elijah lived on one of the peaks of Mt. Carmel
- *Ish Elohim* = man of god
- The insult hurled towards *Eliyahu* was really towards God
- A 2nd group of 50 soldiers were sent, and the captain adds to the insult by saying “quickly”



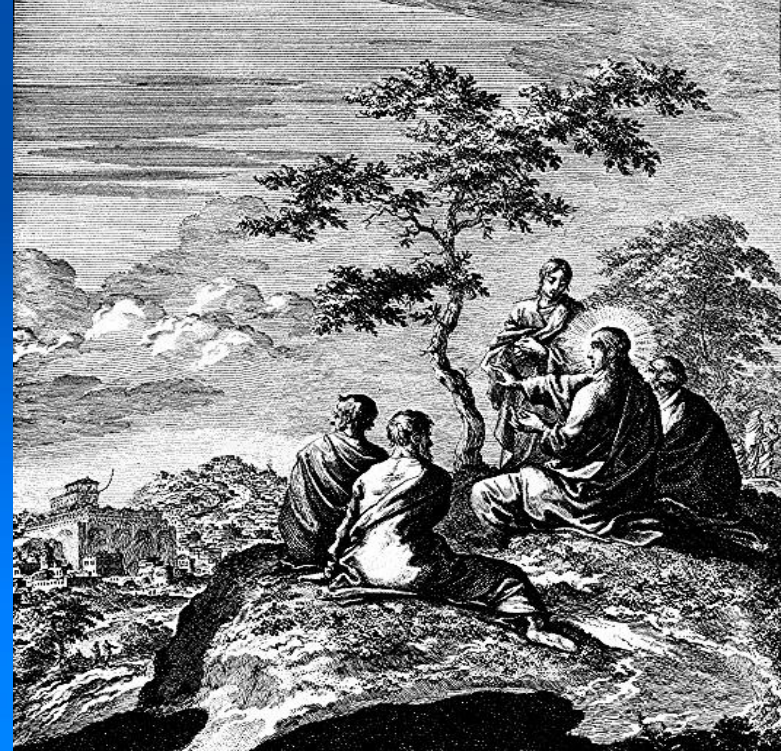


THE OLD HARSH ELIJAH RE-EMERGES

- Elijah had ordered a drought on Israel that God eventually overturned
- On Mt. Horeb God showed Elijah that he should operate in God's character of gentleness and mercy
- Elijah only thought to protect God's holiness
- Too quick on the trigger to call down calamity on those who opposed God's will

GOD INTERVENES TO STOP CALAMITY

- 3rd group of 50 soldiers comes to Elijah, but shows humility
- God tells Elijah not to harm these men and to go with them
- Luke 9:49 – 56
- Yeshua with disciples decided to go to Yerushalayim via the city of Samaria
- The townsfolk refused to show hospitality to Christ
- 2 disciples wanted to destroy the city with fire but Yeshua rebuked them for the thought





NT TIMES: JEWS EXPECTING ELIJAH

- Jesus' disciples viewed their situation as the same as Elijah's in 2nd Kings
- Jews thought they were living during the Tribulation
- Just as God rebuked Elijah for being too harsh, so God (Yeshua) rebukes His disciples for being too harsh
- Samaritans had no intention to harm Yeshua or His disciples, and did not connect Yeshua to Yehoveh



ACHAZYAH MEETS HIS DEMISE



- Elijah goes with the 3rd group of soldiers to the king's palace
- He repeats God's oracle of doom to King **Achazyah**
- The king soon dies
- **Achazyah's** brother becomes king of Israel
- Jehoshaphat's son is **Y'horam**, King of Judah
- A different **Y'horam** is King of Israel
- In English Bibles, sometimes one is called Joram, the other Jehoram

2ND KINGS

CHAPTER 2

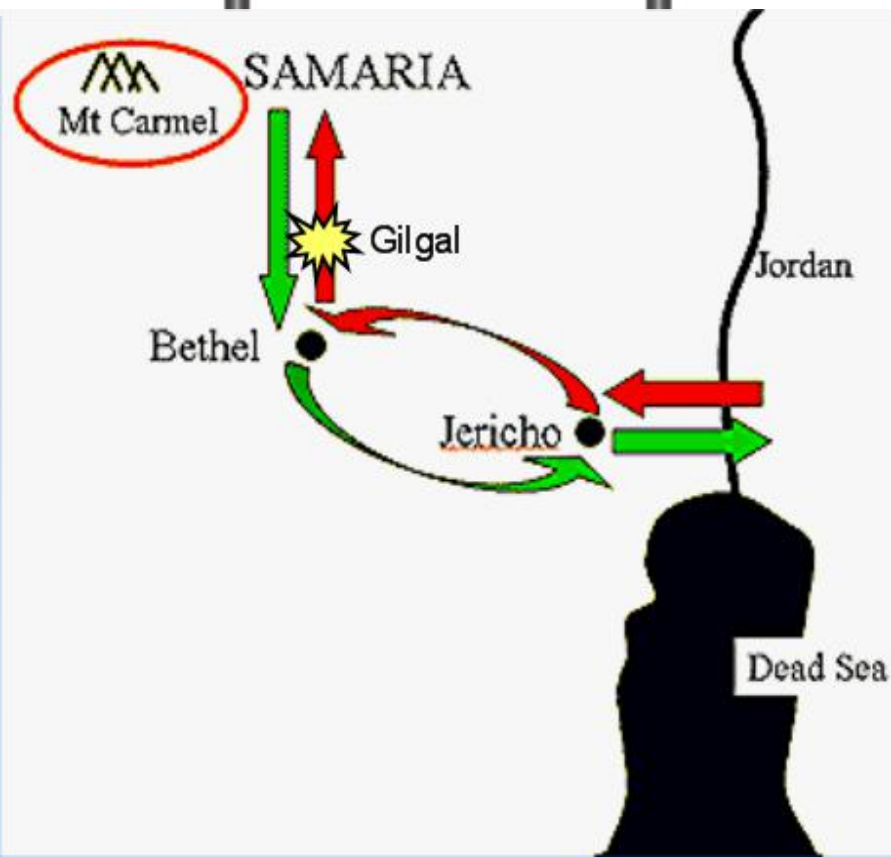
- Story of Elijah being taken away by God into a storm wind
- **Searah** = storm wind NOT a whirlwind
- **Shamayim** = heaven or heavens
- Can mean one or more of 3 things:
 - 1) Heaven where God lives
 - 2) The Cosmos with the stars and the planets
 - 3) The atmosphere where the clouds float





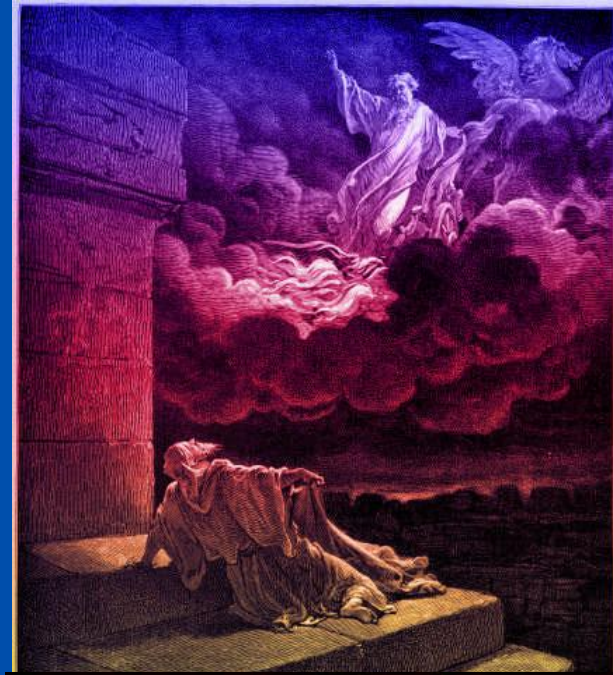
THE END OF AN ERA

- Elijah's removal by God ended the era of the Spirit of Prophecy
- Similar to Samuel ending the era of the Judges by anointing Israel's 1st king
- A period of TRANSITION
- Elisha and *Eliyahu* travel from Gilgal, to Bethel, to Jericho
- At Jericho, Elijah told Elisha he was going to the Jordan River



ELIJAH'S RAPTURE?

- The Guild Prophets had to wonder what was going to actually happen to Elijah. Death? Relocation? What?
- Sounds very much like the Rapture
- 1Thess. 4:17
- Matt.24:40, 41
- When Elisha and Eliyahu leave for the Jordan River 50 of the Guild Prophets follow in hopes of seeing what is going to happen



SEVERAL LEVELS OF PROPHETIC INSPIRATION



- Elijah used his prophet's mantle much as Moses staff, smote the water and the river parted
- 3 levels of prophetic inspiration in this story
- 1) Guild Prophets
- 2) Elisha
- 3) Elijah
- Moses an even higher level

ARE WE BACK IN THE AGE OF THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY?

**"And afterward,
I WILL POUR OUT
my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters
will prophesy,
YOUR OLD MEN
will dream dreams,
your young men will**

Joel 2:28

- I don't think this era has begun yet
- Modern New Testament prophecy is more like the Guild Prophets, who were mainly teachers of the Word
- Exceptions were men like Paul, Peter, John who bore a higher level of inspiration

“Abba, Abba.....!”

- Elisha asks Elijah to give to him a double portion of his spirit
- Referring to the tradition of Firstborn rights to a double portion of the family inheritance
- Elisha asking for all the rights, privileges and authority that Elijah had possessed

