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7. The Miracles of Elijah

Elijah was a prophet during a time of turmoil in Israel. To understand what was going on when Elijah was alive, we need to look at some history. God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and brought them to the promised land of Israel. But people were already living there. They had to fight and conquer to get the land. King David's rule was one of conquering land. David did good in the sight of God and was humble and obedient. But he had a lot of blood on his hands and the Lord would not allow David to build God's temple.

David's son, Solomon, became king after David. By the time Solomon became king, all the conquering and fighting was finished. David had also already gathered the necessary plans and material to build the temple of God. God gave Solomon wisdom, riches, and power at a young age. Solomon built God's temple. He started out being good in the sight of God. But as he got older, he married foreign women who persuaded him into worshiping their foreign gods. So Solomon ended up doing that which was evil in the sight of God.

That started a trend. For generations, the kings of Israel worshiped other gods and idols doing evil in the sight of the Lord.

At the time Ahab (son of Omri) was king of Israel, Elijah prophesized to Ahab that there would be a great drought and no rain or dew for a few years (**Scriptures 1: The Great Drought 1 Kings 17:1**). And of course, this did happen.

God instructed Elijah to stay at the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. There will be a creek there and God directed the ravens to bring him food (**Scriptures 2: Miracle of Elijah Fed by Ravens 1 Kings 17:2-6**). The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

Once the creek dried up due to the drought, God told Elijah to go to a certain widow who would supply him with food. But the widow only had a hand full of flour and a bit of oil. Elijah prophesized to her that if she makes him some bread, that she will not run out of flour or oil (**Scriptures 3: Miracle of Flour and Oil Never Ran Out 1 Kings 17:7-16**). There was food every day for Elijah, the widow, and her son. They never ran out of flour or oil.

The widow's son became very ill and was near death and stopped breathing. But Elijah prayed over him and he miraculously came back to health (**Scriptures 4: Miracle of Dying Boy Lived 1 Kings 17:17-24**).

At God's instruction, Elijah met with King Ahab (King of Israel who worshiped Baal). All the prophets of Baal from Israel were gathered. Elijah was the only prophet of God left, but Baal had over four hundred prophets. Elijah challenged them to prove that Baal is God. Elijah told them "Get two bulls for us. Let Baal's prophets choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD."

So they did this. The prophets of Baal cried out to Baal to light the fire all day, but no fire came. Then Elijah told them to pour four large jars of water over his bull and wood. After they poured the water, he told them to do it two more times. The bull and the wood was soaked with water and the water ran into a trench around it. Then Elijah prayed to God and fire came down and burned up the soaked bull and wood (**Scriptures 5: Miracle of Fire Consumed Bull Soaked with Water 1 Kings 18:16-39**) and even licked up the water in the trench.

After that, God sent Elijah to the Desert of Damascus. He was to anoint two men as king over a particular land. And also anoint Elisha to succeed him as prophet (**Scriptures 6: Elijah Anoints Elisha to Succeed Him as Prophet 1 Kings 19:15-21**). Elisha started following Elijah and they worked side by side from then on. Elisha became Elijah's servant.

There was a time when a king sent a captain and fifty soldiers to capture Elijah. But Elijah made fire come down from the sky and killed them all. So the king sent another captain and fifty soldiers, but Elijah did the same thing. Fire consumed them as well (**Scriptures 7: Miracle of Fire Fell From Heaven 2 Kings 1:7-12**). Elijah just spoke the words "If I am a man of God, may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men!", and it happened.

Elijah knew the day he would die and informed Fifty men from the company of the prophets and Elisha. The fifty men were watching from a distance. Elijah and Elisha came up to the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground (**Scriptures 8: Miracle of River Split and Walked on Dry Ground 2 Kings 2:7-8**).

Elijah did not die, but was taken up in a whirlwind to heaven (**Scriptures 9: Miracle of Elijah Went Up to Heaven in a Whirlwind 2 Kings 2:11**).

God used Elijah to perform more miracles than any other prophet. And Elijah is the only prophet that did not die on Earth, but was raised up to Heaven in a whirlwind. There was something special about Elijah. God gave him power to do things that no other could.

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Scriptures 1: The Great Drought

1 Kings 17:1 Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."

Scriptures 2: Miracle of Elijah Fed by Ravens

1 Kings 17:2-6 Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there." So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

Scriptures 3: Miracle of Flour and Oil Never Ran Out

1 Kings 17:7-16 Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. Then the word of the LORD came to him: "Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food." So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" 1 As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread." "As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die."

Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the LORD, the

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Scriptures 3: Miracle of Food and Oil Never Ran Out - continued

God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.' " She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

Scriptures 4: Miracle of Dying Boy Lived

1 Kings 17:17-24 Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. She said to Elijah, "What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?" "Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. Then he cried out to the LORD, "LORD my God, have you brought tragedy even on this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the LORD, "LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!" The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!" Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth."

Scriptures 5: Miracle of Fire Consumed Bull Soaked with Water

1 Kings 18:16-39 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Elijah. When he saw Elijah, he said to him, "Is that you, you troubler of Israel?" "I have not made trouble for Israel," Elijah replied. "But you and your father's family have. You have abandoned the LORD's commands and have followed the Baals.

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Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."

So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him." But the people said nothing. Then Elijah said to them, "I am the only one of the LORD's prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. Get two bulls for us. Let Baal's prophets choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers by fire—he is God." Then all the people said, "What you say is good." Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire."

So they took the bull given them and prepared it. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. "Baal, answer us!" they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made. At noon Elijah began to taunt them. "Shout louder!" he said. "Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened." So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention.

Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come here to me." They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which had been torn down. Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, "Your name shall be Israel." With the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed.

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He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, "Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood." "Do it again," he said, and they did it again. "Do it a third time," he ordered, and they did it the third time. The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench.

At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. Answer me, LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again." Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!"

Scriptures 6: Elijah Anoints Elisha to Succeed Him as Prophet

1 Kings 19:15-21 The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him." So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye," he said, "and then I will come with you." "Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?" So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

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Scriptures 7: Miracle of Fire Fell From Heaven

2 Kings 1:7-12 The king asked them, "What kind of man was it who came to meet you and told you this?" They replied, "He had a garment of hair and had a leather belt around his waist." The king said, "That was Elijah the Tishbite." Then he sent to Elijah a captain with his company of fifty men. The captain went up to Elijah, who was sitting on the top of a hill, and said to him, "Man of God, the king says, 'Come down!' " **Elijah answered the captain, "If I am a man of God, may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men!"** Then fire fell from heaven and consumed the captain and his men. At this the king sent to Elijah another captain with his fifty men. The captain said to him, "Man of God, this is what the king says, 'Come down at once!' " **"If I am a man of God,"** Elijah replied, **"may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men!"** Then the fire of God fell from heaven and consumed him and his fifty men.

Scriptures 8: Miracle of River Split and Walked on Dry Ground

2 Kings 2:7-8 Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. **Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.**

Scriptures 9: Miracle of Elijah Went Up to Heaven in a Whirlwind

2 Kings 2:11 As they were walking along and talking together, **suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.**