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The Bible is so interesting; even the Old Testament. Remember: when reading the 1st and 2nd Chronicles... we read history and events recorded from the perspective of the 2 tribes of the **Southern Kingdom**, the House of **Judah**;

Elijah runs to Horeb, the Mount of God,

¹ Now Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.

² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time / the threat produced the intended response, Elijah's faith suddenly failed him.

³ Then he arose, and ran for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongs to **Judah, and left his servant there.**

⁴ But he himself continued a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and finally sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

⁵ And as he lay down and slept under a juniper tree, indeed, then an angel touched him, and said to him, Arise and eat.

⁶ And he looked, and, indeed, there was a cake baked on the coals, and a jug of water at his head. So he ate and drank, and again laid down.

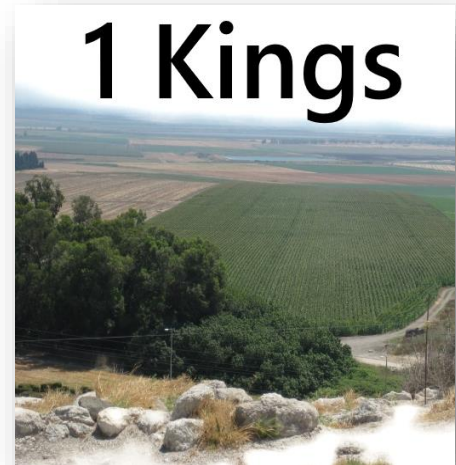
⁷ And the angel of the LORD came again a second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat because the journey is too great for you.

⁸ And he arose, and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that meal forty days and forty nights **to Horeb the Mountain of God / sometimes called the Mount of Moses in Arabia,**

⁹ and when he came there to a cave, and found shelter; indeed, the word of the LORD came to him, and He said to him,

What are you doing here, Elijah?

¹⁰ And he answered, I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword; and I alone, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.



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¹¹ And He said, Go forth, and stand on the Mountain in the presence of the LORD. And behold, the LORD was passing by, and a great and strong wind ripped the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake:

¹² and after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice / a gentle breeze, Elijah was learning a lesson we all could learn: God is not always in the effects, sometimes He has just passed by; trust the Giver, not the gift.

¹³ And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him, and whispered, What are you doing here, Elijah?

¹⁴ And he answered, I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword; and I alone, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

¹⁵ And the LORD said to him, Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when you arrive, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:

¹⁶ and Jehu the son of Nimshi you will anoint king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you will anoint for a prophet in your place.

¹⁷ And it will happen, that he who escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill: and he who escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill.

¹⁸ Yet for Me, I will leave 7,000 in Israel, all who have not bowed their knee to Baal, and all the mouths who have not kissed him.

¹⁹ So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve pairs of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth / so Elisha was a skillful, rugged guy: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle on him.

²⁰ And promptly he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you. And he said to him, Go back again: for what have I done to you?

²¹ So he turned back from him, and took a pair of oxen, and killed them, and boiled their flesh with the implements of the oxen, and gave to the people, and they ate. Then he arose, and followed after Elijah, and served him.

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