



[Elijah, the Time, and Times](#)
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Life Change: We obey God in all times

1 Kings 16:23-17:7
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Samaria, ancient capital of the northern Hebrew kingdom

The city’s founding... 16:23-25

Omri’s son Ahab really set the city apart 16:29-33

Elijah stepped into this place and time 17:1a

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Elijah endured the times 17:1-7

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Elijah will prepare people for the end times Malachi 4:5-6



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courtesy Armstrong Institute of Biblical Archeology



²³ In the thirty-first year of Judah's King Asa, Omri became king over Israel, and he reigned twelve years. He reigned six years in Tirzah, ²⁴ then he bought the hill of Samaria from Shemer for 150 pounds of silver, and he built up the hill. He named the city he built Samaria based on the name Shemer, the owner of the hill.

²⁵ Omri did what was evil in the Lord's sight; he did more evil than all who were before him.

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courtesy Daniel Ventura – thanks, Dan!



courtesy British Museum

- The artistry is Phoenician, the highest form of 10th-8th c. B.C. sculpture.
- The woman depicted is watching over all the citizens & slaves. These signs were everywhere around the city. [Think Big Brother from *1984*.]
- The woman appears Egyptian. Experts agree that is a device – a stylistic choice that represents religious oversight. The most famous Egyptian religion in Israel was Baal worship; thus, the woman represents Baal's consort/sister Asherah who oversaw his cult.



²⁹ Ahab son of Omri became king over Israel in the thirty-eighth year of Judah's King Asa; Ahab son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years. ³⁰ But Ahab son of Omri did what was evil in the Lord's sight more than all who were before him. ³¹ Then, as if following the sin of Jeroboam son of Nebat were not enough, he married Jezebel, the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and then proceeded to serve Baal and bow in worship to him. ³² He set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal that he had built in Samaria. ³³ Ahab also made an Asherah pole. Ahab did more to anger the Lord God of Israel than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

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JUDG

RUTH

1 SAM

2 SAM

1 KINGS

2 KINGS

1 CHRON

2 CHRON

EZRA

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As I read through 1 Kings 15 and 16, I am struck by repetition of so-and-so did evil in the sight of the LORD. The depth of wickedness increases when we come to Omri, who “did more evil than all before him.” And if that isn’t bad enough, Ahab follows and *surpasses* his father in evil, even [employing] child sacrifice. – Michelle Russell



What can the righteous do in the midst of such wickedness, when the foundations seem to be cracking? When the wicked bend their bow and the foundations shake, I am tempted to flee like a bird to mountains, to escape from suffering. But this is not what Elijah does! No, he remains engaged with this wicked king. He trusts that the LORD is on his throne and that he will behold His face when this time of testing is over. I want to be more like Elijah! – Michelle Russell





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- **Elijah showed God's power to command the weather. 1K 17, 18**
- **Elijah multiplied food for a starving widow and her son when she was willing to share her portion. 1 Kings 17**

- **Jesus rebuked religious leaders for misleading the people and having an outward righteousness while their hearts were far from God. Matthew 23**
- **Jesus controlled the weather. Mark 4**
- **Jesus multiplied food for crowds when a boy was willing to share his portion. John 6**

- **Elijah raised a boy from the dead. 1 Kings 17**
- **A wicked ruler tried to kill Elijah. 1 Kings 19**
- **Elijah fled from wicked rulers to the wilderness. 1 Kings 17, 19**
- **Elijah prophesied his disciple Elisha would receive a double portion of his spirit if he witnessed Elijah's ascension. 2 Kings 2**

- **Jesus raised a boy from the dead. Luke 7**
- **A wicked ruler tried to kill Jesus. Matthew 2**
- **Jesus departed from Sanhedrin to the wilderness. John 11**
- **Jesus prophesied his disciples would do greater works than He. John 14**

- **Elijah was the only person besides Enoch who did not die. He was lifted up by a chariot of fire and then caught up to heaven in a whirlwind while Elisha watched. 2 Kings 2**
- **Elijah talks with Jesus in the Transfiguration. Mark 9**
- **Elijah is human. [the shadow] James 5**

- **Jesus was lifted up through His death on the cross. Later, He ascended to heaven as the disciples witnessed. John 19, Acts 1**
- **Jesus is transfigured, exposed in His divinity. Mark 9**
- **Jesus is God the Son, the giver of eternal life. [the hand] Jn 10**

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Advent principle: Jesus is over, through, and in the best & worst of times. In order to fulfill the Triune God's Messianic plan, He spoke truth and endured isolation like Elijah – though His hardship was beyond anything the prophet could have imagined. This first advent candle is lit to celebrate the God over all times.

¹ Now Elijah the Tishbite, from the Gilead settlers, said to Ahab, “As the Lord God of Israel lives, in whose presence I stand, there will be no dew or rain during these years except by my command!”

² Then the word of the Lord came to him: ³ “Leave here, turn eastward, and hide at the Wadi Cherith where it enters the Jordan. ⁴ You are to drink from the wadi. I have commanded the ravens to provide for you there.”

⁵ So he proceeded to do what the Lord commanded. Elijah left and lived at the Wadi Cherith where it enters the Jordan. ⁶ The ravens kept bringing him bread and meat in the morning and in the evening, and he would drink from the wadi. ⁷ After a while, the wadi dried up because there had been no rain in the land.

Gilead was a place of solitude and outdoor life. It was never a place of polish, sophistication, and diplomacy. It was an austere land, and one senses that Elijah's appearance was in keeping with that. [Such] characters may not win many friends, but one thing is certain: They cannot be ignored.
– Charles Swindoll, *Elijah*



“I wish it need not have happened
in my time,” said Frodo.

“So do I,” said Gandalf, “and so do all who live to see such times.
But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what
to do with the time that is given us.”

– J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*

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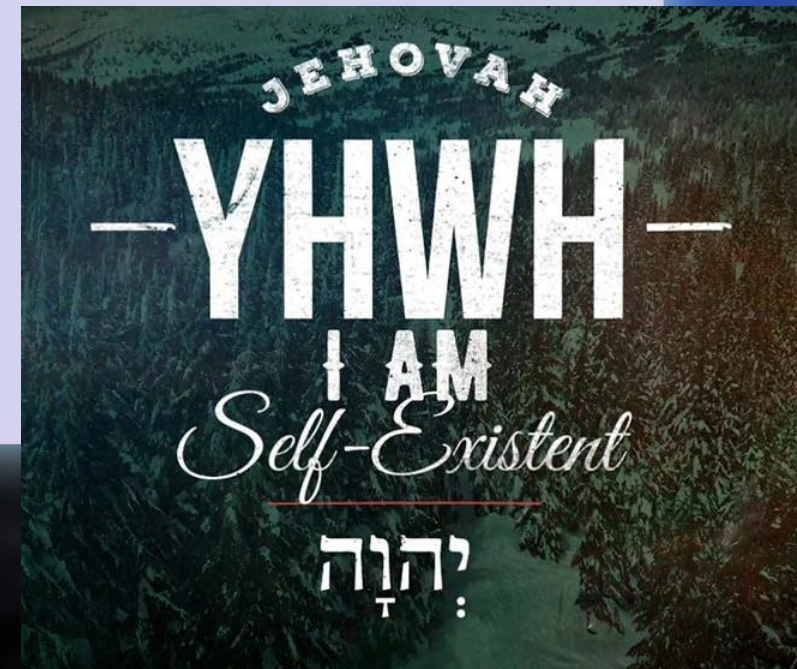
courtesy Lester Prince

Baal – the god whom Ahab & Jezebel worship – is dead. He left behind no written truths.

Baal is symbolically pieced together and “resurrected” as a kind of zombie.



YHWH is immutably, fully alive. Thus, Elijah knows that YHWH speaks with power in His written truths. He knows that one acts differently when the Author is alive.



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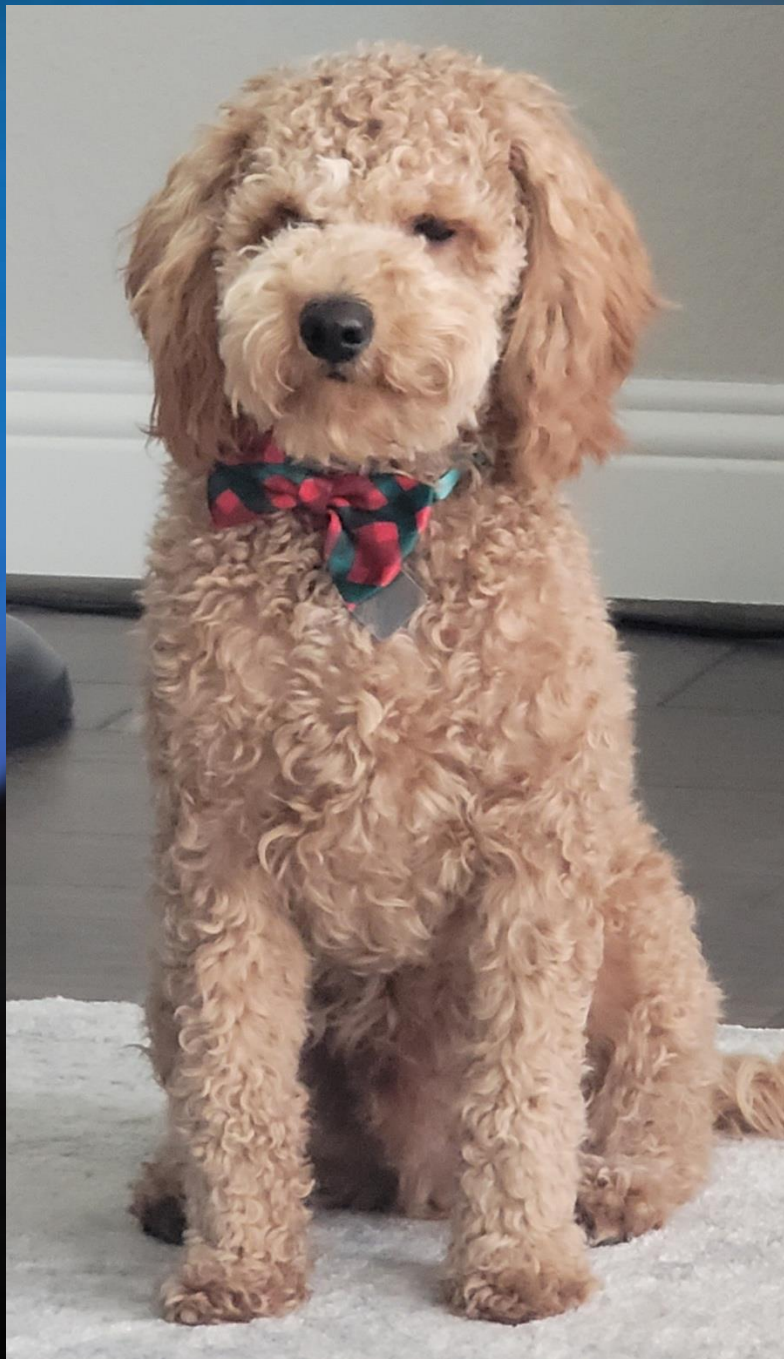


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***Elijah Fed by the Ravens*
Giovanni Lanfranco
1624-5**



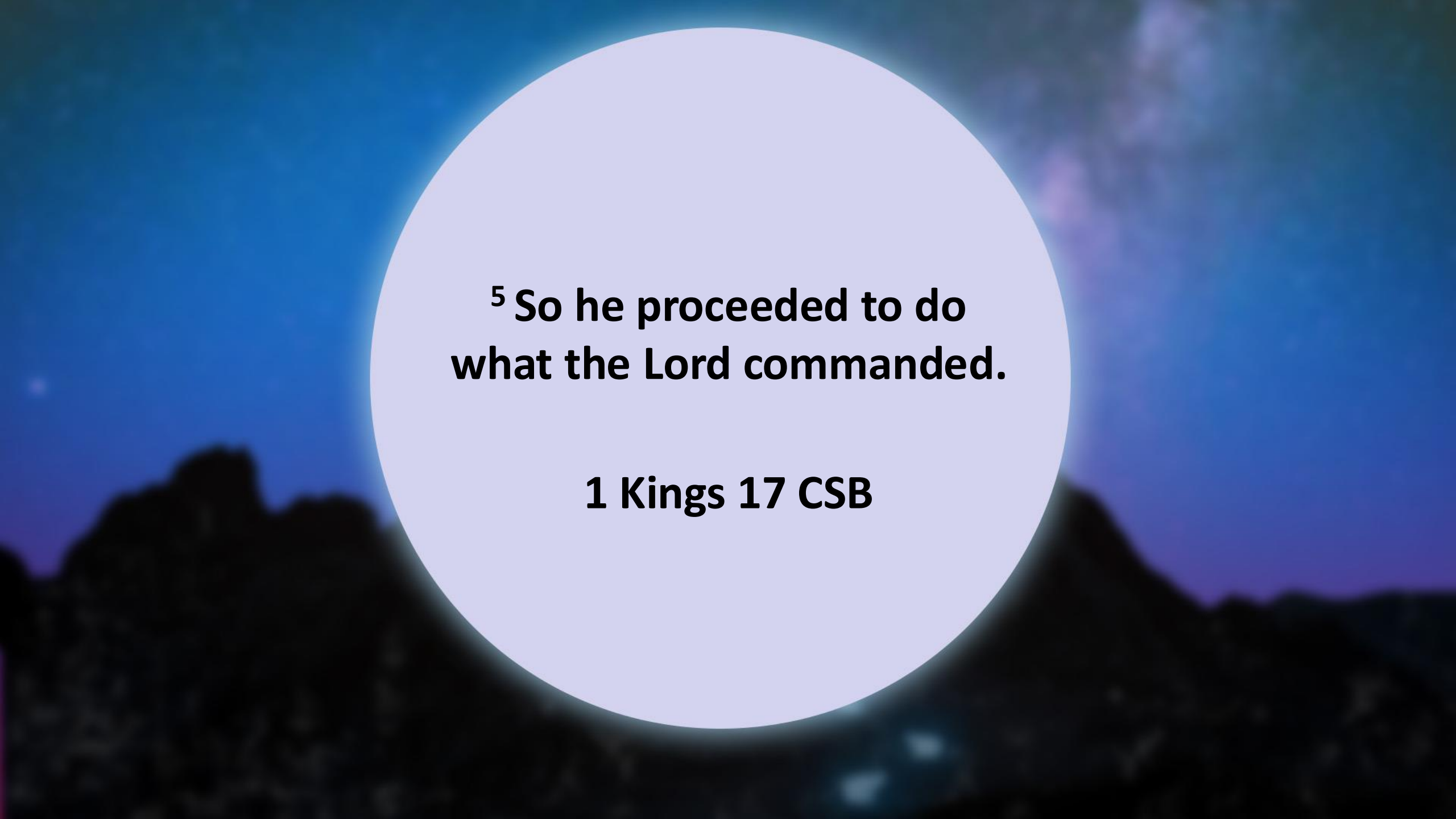
courtesy Janna Braudrick; kill blurred for those who adore woodland creatures even though they eat my flowers



courtesy Janna Braudrick



courtesy Angie Vogel; Petco



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**Please don't
be offended...**



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**Varnished truth is no
longer truth. Lying
about outcomes doesn't
make anyone like you
more. It only makes you
less useful.**

A close-up of Belle from Disney's 'Beauty and the Beast'. She has her signature red hair in a braid with a blue bow, and large yellow eyes. She has a surprised or concerned expression on her face. The background is dark and blurry, suggesting an indoor setting at night.

**You made this bed
through your own sin
and now you will lie in
it. I cannot in good
conscience help you or
mitigate your situation.**

²⁰ Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he became king; he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. He died to no one's regret and was buried in the city of David but not in the tombs of the kings.

2 Chronicles 21 CSB



¹² Then a letter came to Jehoram from the prophet Elijah, saying: This is what the Lord, the God of your ancestor David says: “Because you have not walked in the ways of your father Jehoshaphat or in the ways of King Asa of Judah ¹³ but have walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, have caused Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to prostitute themselves like the house of Ahab prostituted itself, and also have killed your brothers, your father’s family, who were better than you, ¹⁴ the Lord is now about to strike your people, your sons, your wives, and all your possessions with a horrible affliction. ¹⁵ You yourself will be struck with many illnesses, including a disease of the intestines, until your intestines come out day after day because of the disease.”

2 Chronicles 21 CSB

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Elijah in the Desert
Washington Allston
1818



courtesy Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

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Much of our character is developed in those quiet gaps like the one between verses 7 and 8.

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“Be still,
and know
that I am
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PSALM 46:10

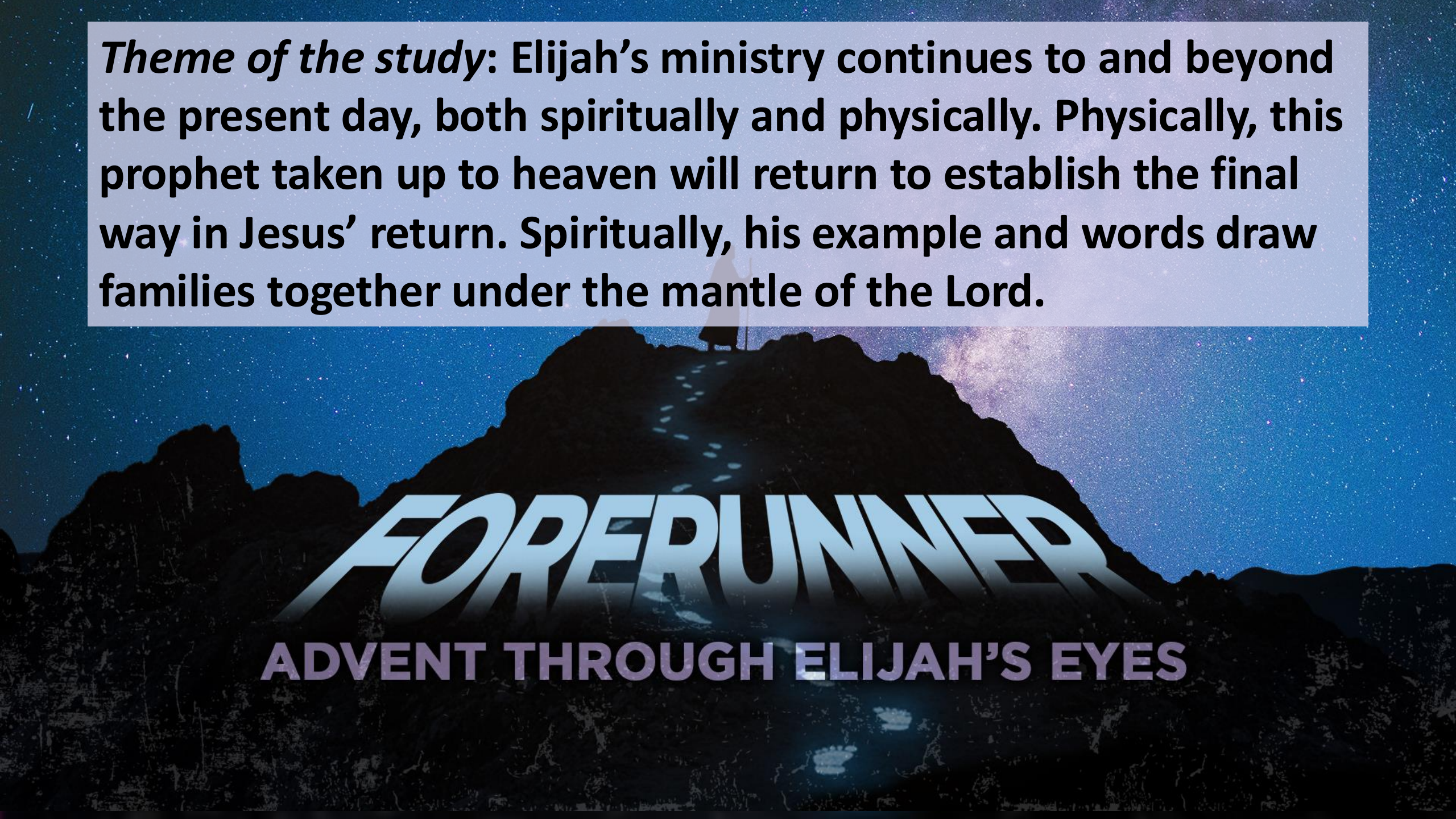


Saying Grace
Norman Rockwell
1951

⁵ Look, I am going to send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers.

Malachi 4 CSB

Theme of the study: Elijah's ministry continues to and beyond the present day, both spiritually and physically. Physically, this prophet taken up to heaven will return to establish the final way in Jesus' return. Spiritually, his example and words draw families together under the mantle of the Lord.



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