



# **ELIJAH & ELISHA**

## **Lessons In Faith**



**LESSON 3**



# I KINGS 19

# JEZEBEL ORDERED THE DEATH OF ELIJAH

1 Kings 19

“<sup>1</sup>And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup>Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying,

So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time.

<sup>3</sup>And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.”



# ELIJAH FELT DEFEATED

1 Kings 19

“<sup>4</sup>But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and 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.”



# ELIJAH FELT DEFEATED

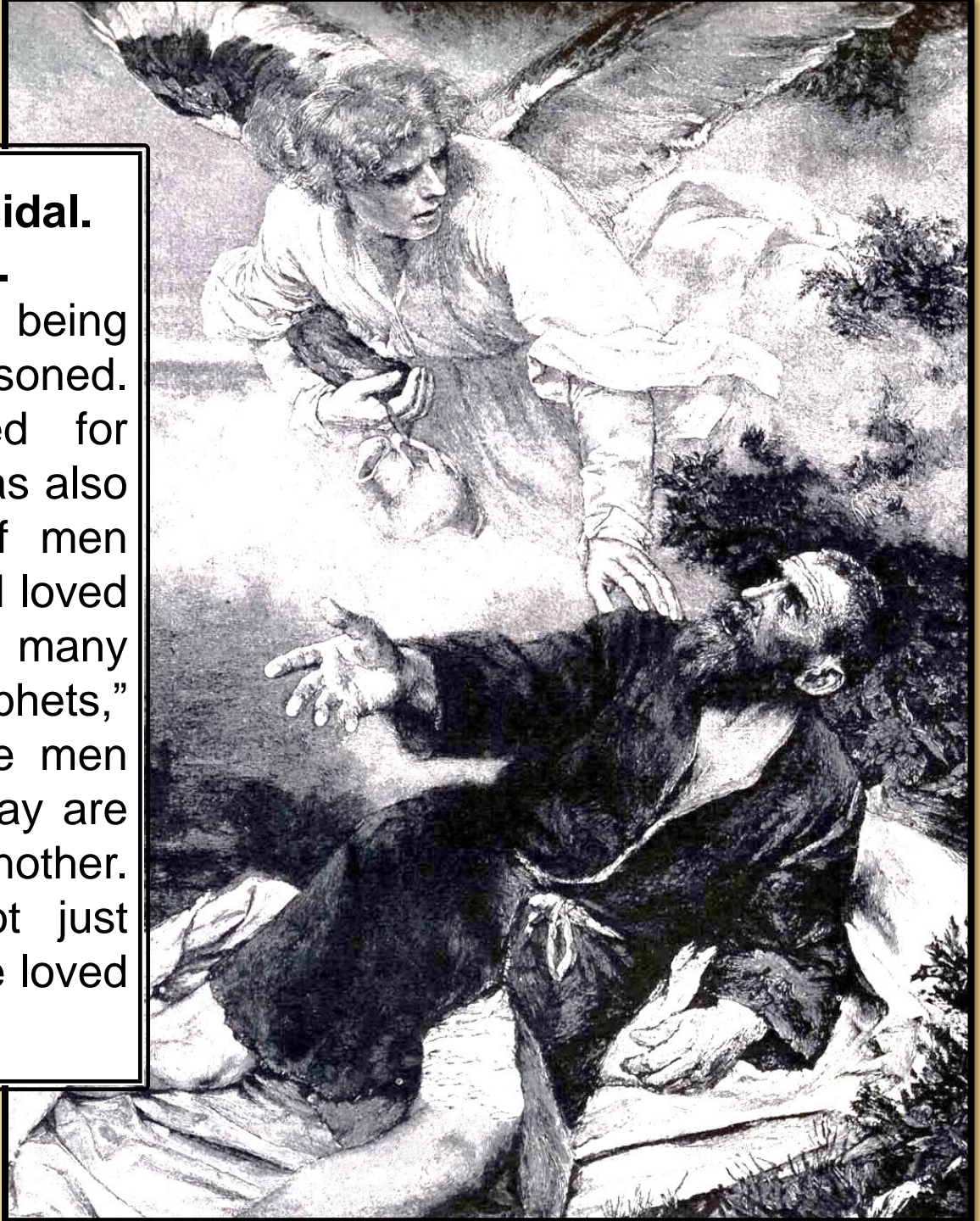
1 Kings 19

“<sup>5</sup>And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. <sup>6</sup>And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.”



**NO, he was not suicidal.  
He was grieving.**

God's prophets were being slaughtered and imprisoned. Elijah was distressed for himself, yes, but he was also lamenting the loss of men that he had known and loved for years. There were many "schools of the prophets," and Elijah knew those men just like preachers today are acquainted with one another. Elijah was losing not just friends but men that he loved like brothers.



# ELIJAH'S GRIEF

In asking to die Elijah was simply saying, "take me with them . . . take me too," because of his grief.

When you have stood along side men who have fought the same fight, made the same sacrifices, and have bore the same sorrows, then you have a love for one another that runs deep.

Elijah must have felt this deep emotion for his fellow prophets.



John Shannon & Gary McDade  
best friends and fellow servants of God



# ELIJAH GAVE UP

## 1 Kings 19

“<sup>7</sup>And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. <sup>8</sup>And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto **Horeb** the mount of God. <sup>9</sup>And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?”

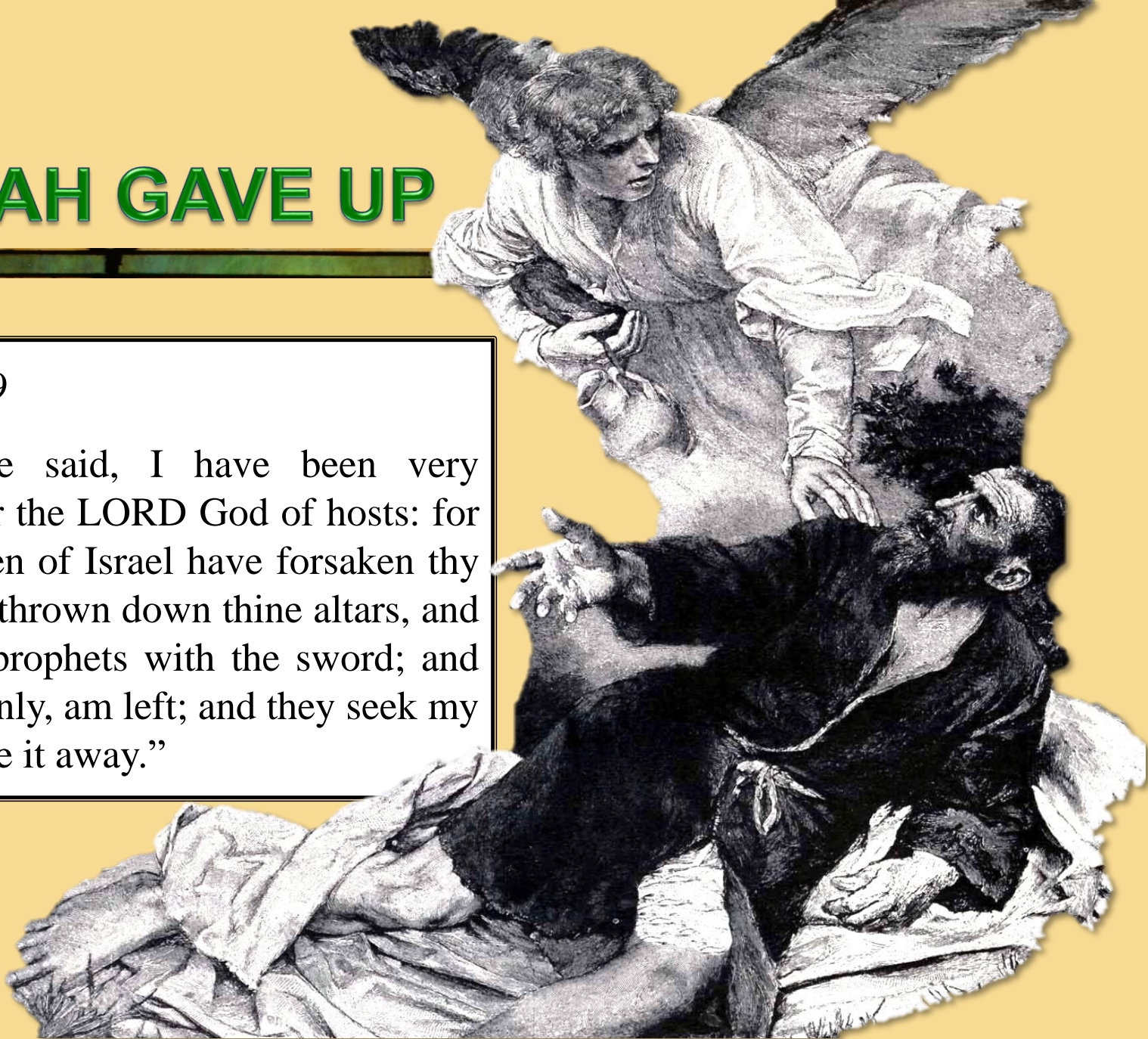


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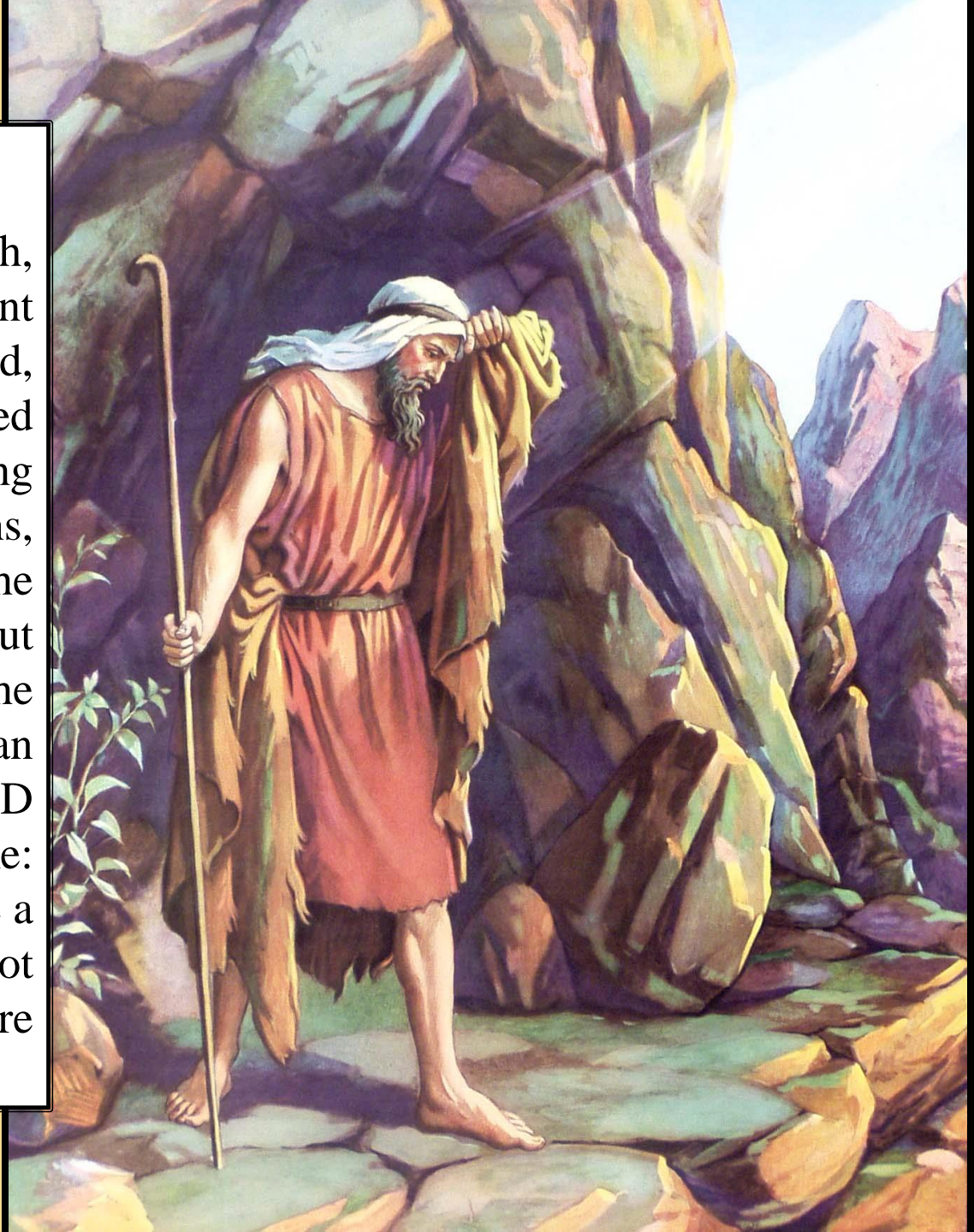
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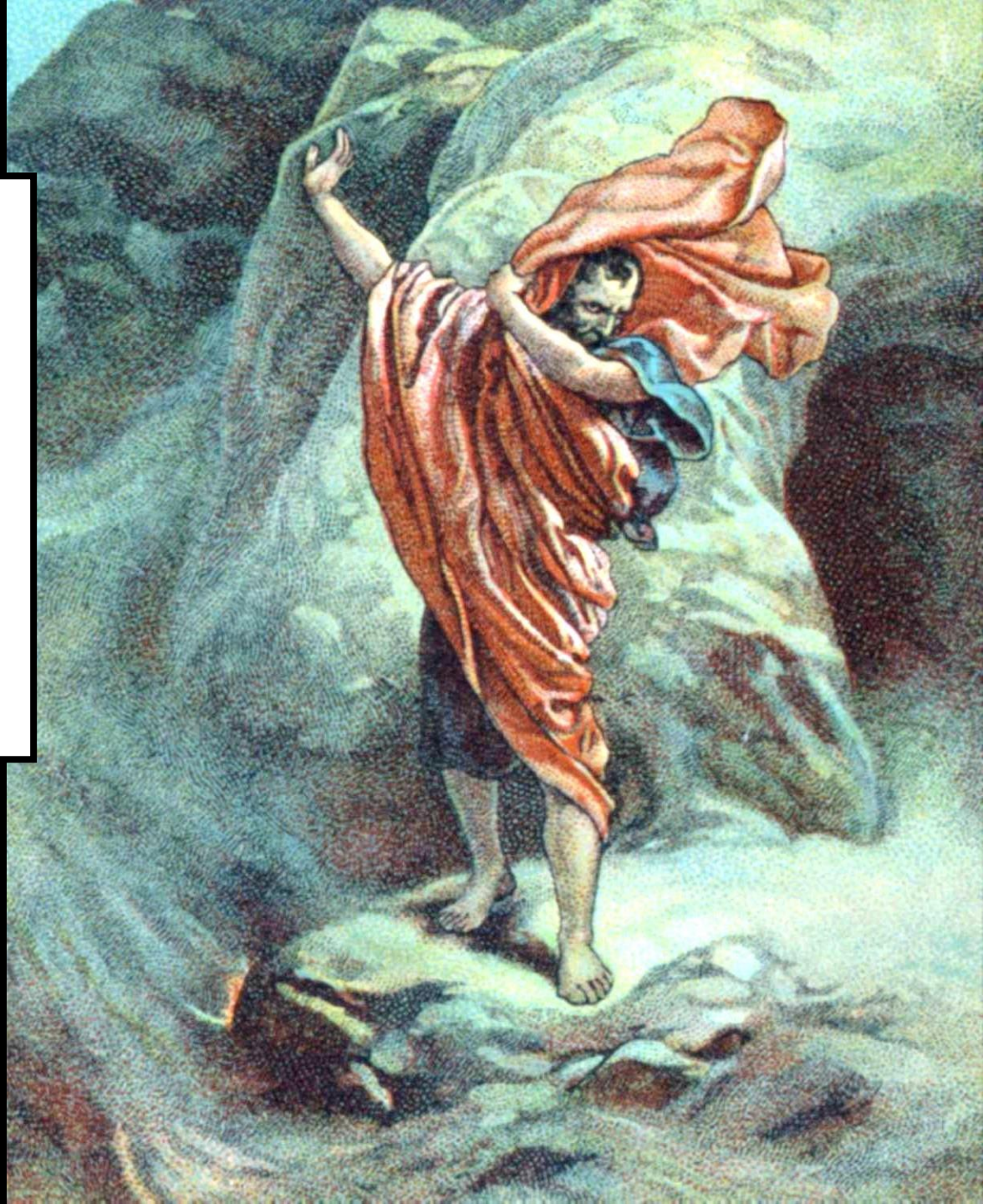
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“<sup>11</sup>And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: <sup>12</sup>And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.”



Wind  
Earthquake  
Fire

STILL SMALL  
VOICE



## 1 Kings 19

“<sup>13</sup>And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?”

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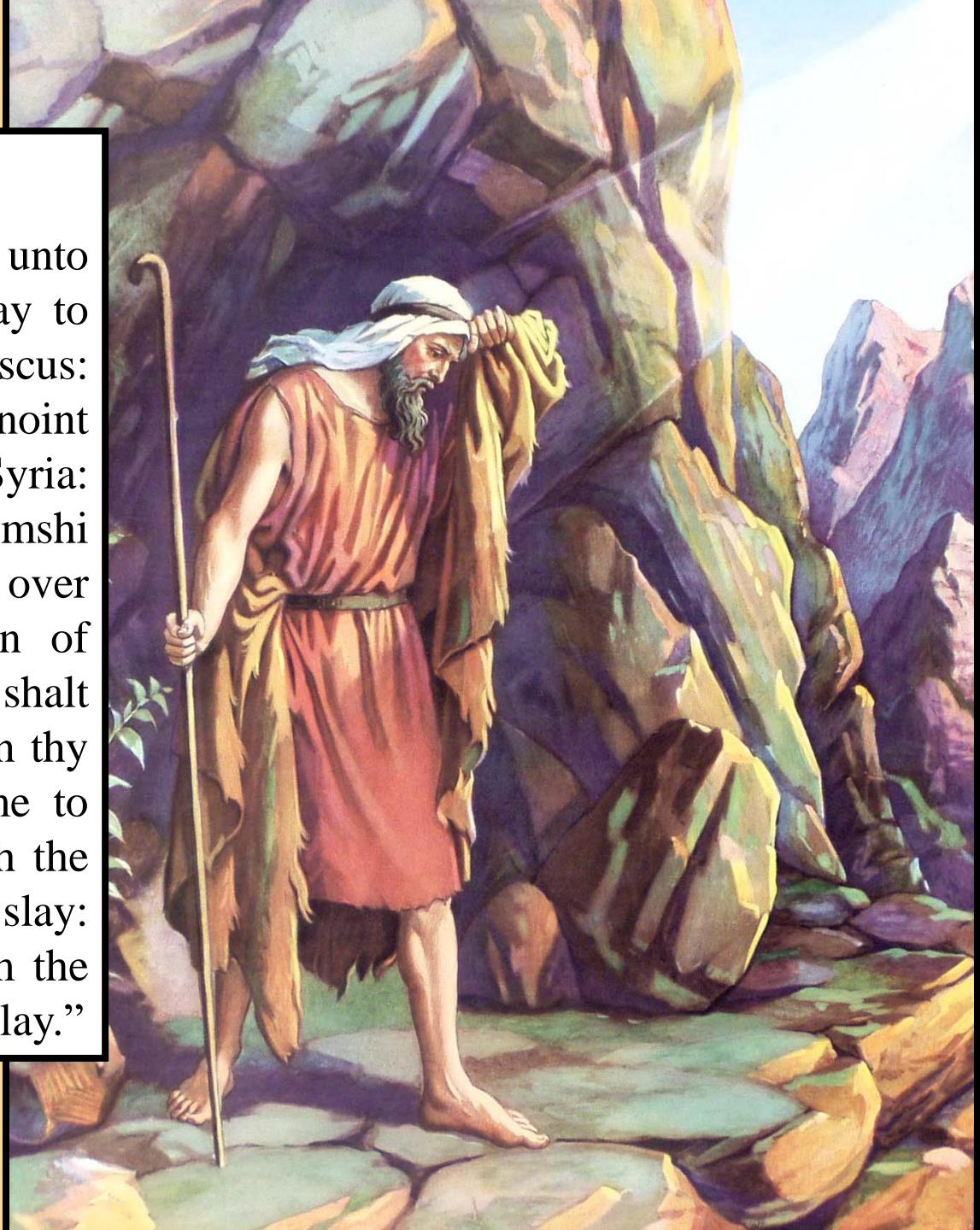
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“<sup>15</sup>And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria: <sup>16</sup>And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. <sup>17</sup>And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.”



## SUMMARY

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a prophet.





**THEN GOD TOLD  
ELIJAH ABOUT THE**

**7,000**

1 Kings 19

“<sup>18</sup>Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.”

**GOD KNOWS WHO ARE HIS, AND HE SEES IN SECRET.**



Elijah was not alone. He had help from 7,000 in Israel who had remained faithful.



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