



ELIJAH & ELISHA

Lessons In Faith



LESSON 6

The background of the slide is a stained glass pattern. It features a central horizontal band of yellow glass. Above and below this band are sections of light brown or tan glass, separated by dark, thick leaded glass lines. The pattern is symmetrical and geometric, with the central yellow band being the most prominent feature.

II KINGS 2:1-18



The Translation of Elijah

We are not told Elijah's age nor in what year of Ahab's reign Elijah first appeared, but we do know he was a man that never died.



It is not for us to say why God would put such a peculiar honor upon Elijah, but no doubt it was an encouragement to Elisha and the sons of the prophets who were following in the steps of his zeal and faithfulness.



Elisha had determined as long as he continued on earth to never leave Elijah.

When it came time for Elijah to be taken up to heaven he seemed to want to separate from Elisha. He would have had him stay behind in Gilgal, and then in Bethel, and then in Jericho. But Elisha would not leave Elijah.



2 Kings 2

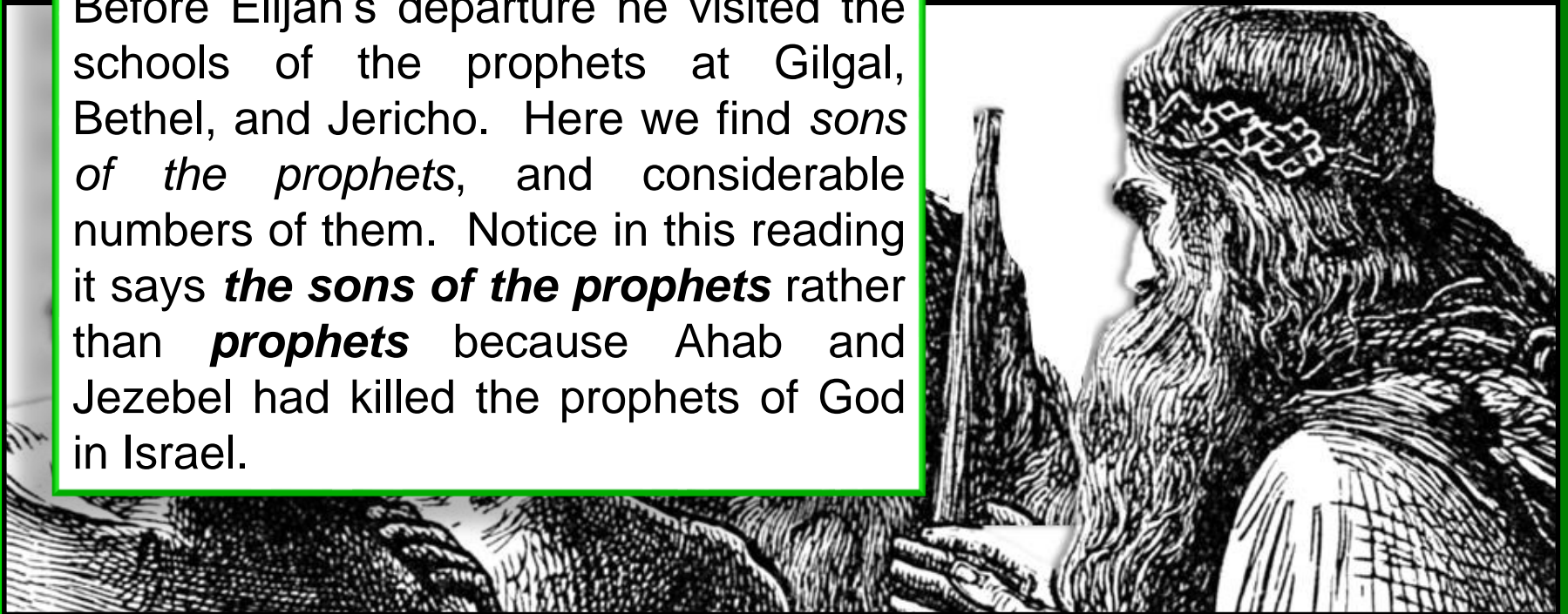
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Before Elijah's departure he visited the schools of the prophets at Gilgal, Bethel, and Jericho. Here we find *sons of the prophets*, and considerable numbers of them. Notice in this reading it says ***the sons of the prophets*** rather than ***prophets*** because Ahab and Jezebel had killed the prophets of God in Israel.

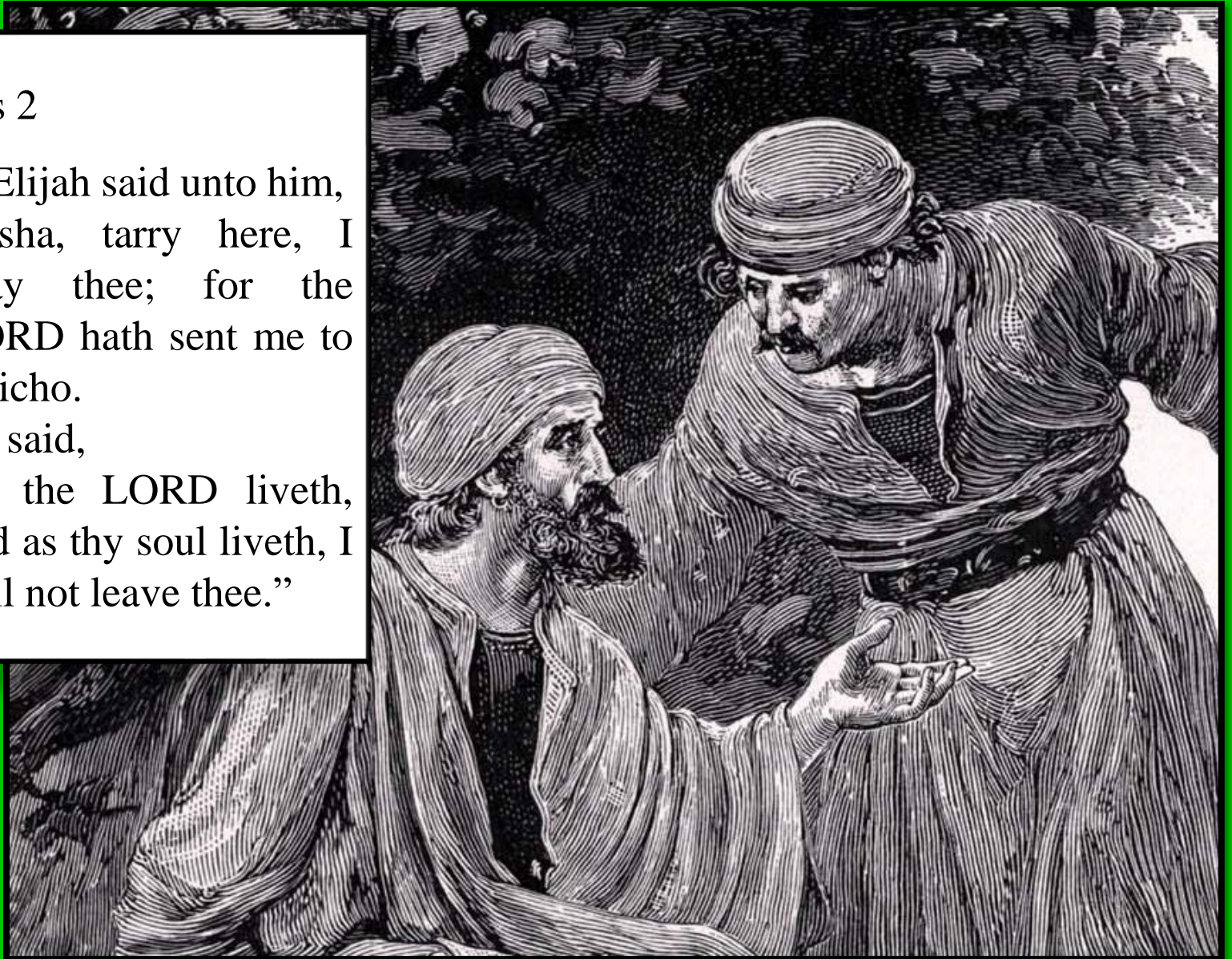


2 Kings 2

“⁴And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho.

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“⁶And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on. ⁷And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.”



2 Kings 2

“⁸And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.”



2 Kings 2

“⁹And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. ¹⁰And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.”



2 Kings 2

“¹¹And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire . . .”



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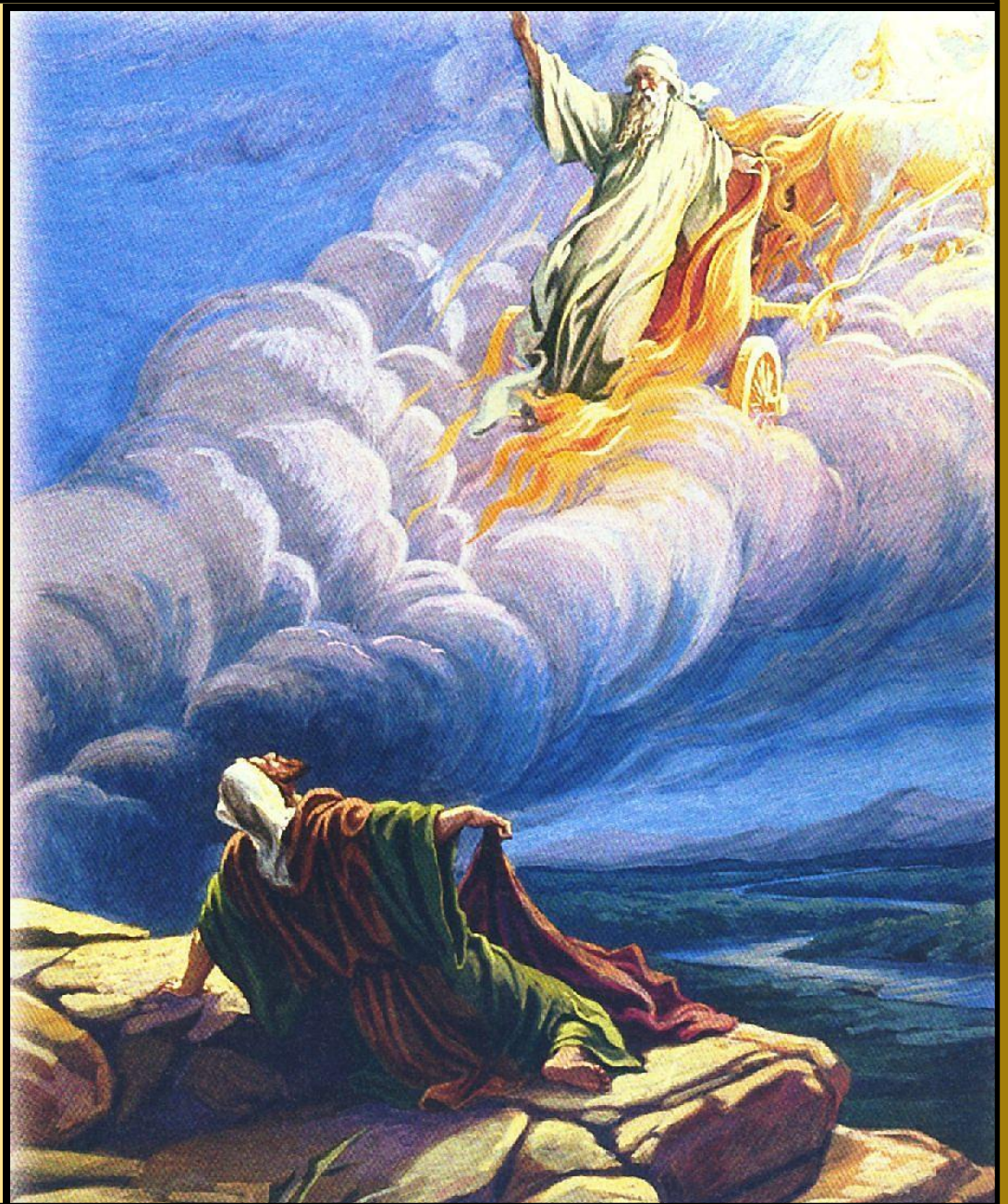
“¹¹. . . and parted them both asunder and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.”



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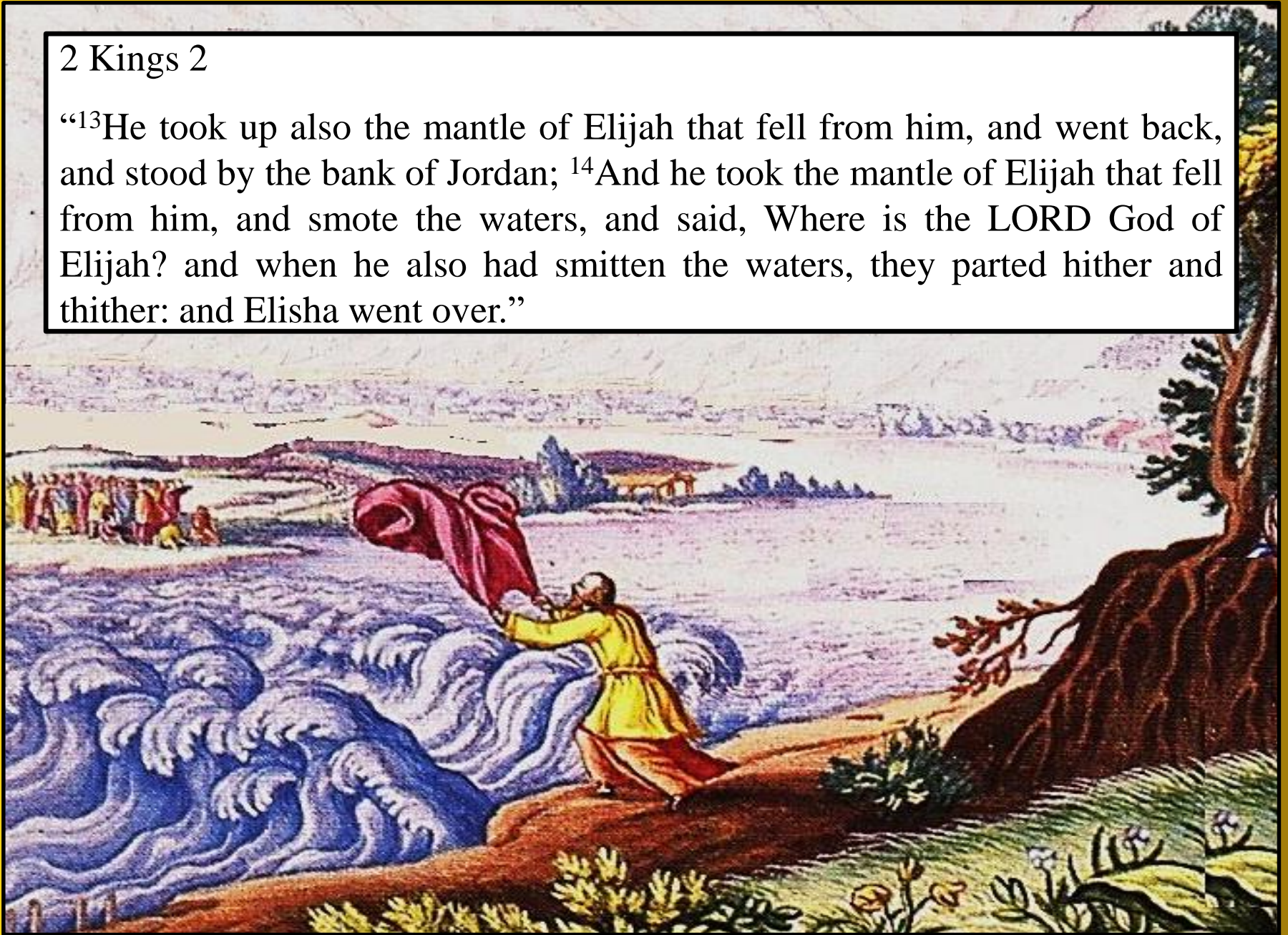
“¹²And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.”

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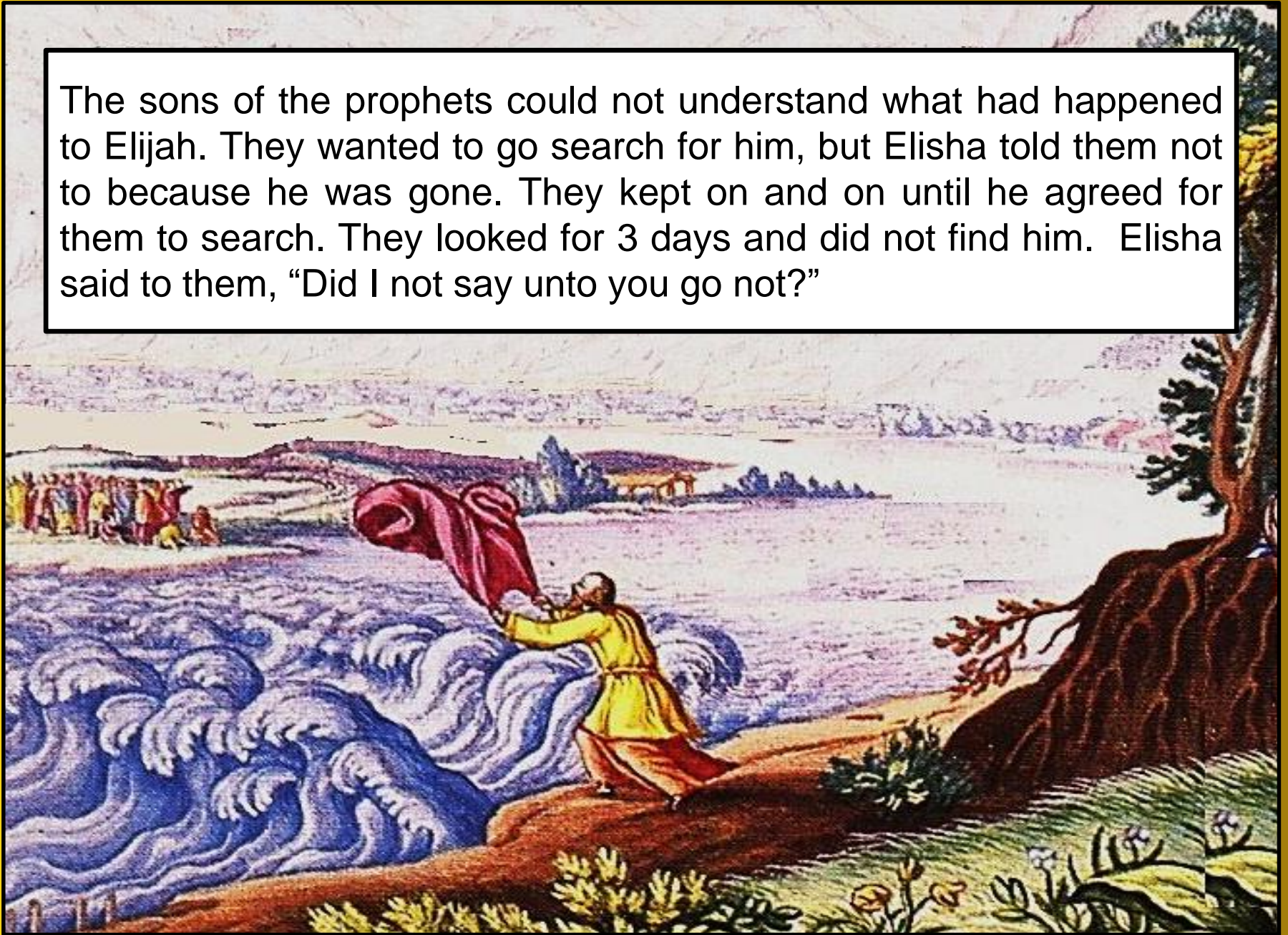


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“¹³He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan; ¹⁴And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.”



The sons of the prophets could not understand what had happened to Elijah. They wanted to go search for him, but Elisha told them not to because he was gone. They kept on and on until he agreed for them to search. They looked for 3 days and did not find him. Elisha said to them, "Did I not say unto you go not?"



S U M M A R Y

ELIJAH'S MIRACLES, WONDERS AND DEEDS

Three years of drought

Fed by ravens

Oil & meal (widow of Zarephath)

Healed widow of Zarephath's son

Fire from heaven on the altar

Ran down from Mt. Carmel before Ahab

Fire from heaven on the 50

Parting of Jordan

Ascension in whirlwind

The background is a stained glass window with a central yellow banner. The window is composed of several panes: two large diamond-shaped panes at the top and bottom, two horizontal rectangular panes in the middle, and two smaller diamond-shaped panes at the bottom corners. The panes are filled with light brown wood-grain patterns, and the leaded glass lines are black. A central yellow banner with a black border is positioned horizontally across the middle of the window.

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