

Book of 1st Kings Chapter 18

11_1KI_18_01 And it came to pass [after] many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, show thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.

11_1KI_18_02 And Elijah went to show himself unto Ahab. And [there was] a sore famine in Samaria.

11_1KI_18_03 And Ahab called Obadiah, which [was] the governor of [his] house. [Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly:

11_1KI_18_04 For it was [so], when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.]

11_1KI_18_05 And Ahab said unto Obadiah, Go into the land, unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks: peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts.

11_1KI_18_06 So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.

11_1KI_18_07 And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, [Art] thou that my lord Elijah?

11_1KI_18_08 And he answered him, I [am]: go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah [is here].

11_1KI_18_09 And he said, What have I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me?

11_1KI_18_10 [As] the LORD thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, [He is] not [there]; he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not.

11_1KI_18_11 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah [is here].

11_1KI_18_12 And it shall come to pass, [as soon as] I am gone from thee, that the spirit of the LORD shall carry thee whither I know not; and [so] when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear the LORD from my youth.

11_1KI_18_13 Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid an hundred men of the LORD's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

11_1KI_18_14 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah [is here]: and he shall slay me.

11_1KI_18_15 And Elijah said, [As] the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself unto him to day.

11_1KI_18_16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

11_1KI_18_17 And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, [Art] thou he that troubleth Israel?

11_1KI_18_18 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.

11_1KI_18_19 Now therefore send, [and] gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.

11_1KI_18_20 So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.

11_1KI_18_21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD [be] God, follow him: but if Baal, [then] follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

11_1KI_18_22 Then said Elijah unto the people, I, [even] I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets [are] four hundred and fifty men.

11_1KI_18_23 Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay [it] on wood, and put no fire [under]: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay [it] on wood, and put no fire [under]:

11_1KI_18_24 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

11_1KI_18_25 And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress [it] first; for ye [are] many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire [under].

11_1KI_18_26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed [it], and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But [there was] no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.

11_1KI_18_27 And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he [is] a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, [or] peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.

11_1KI_18_28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.

11_1KI_18_29 And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the [time] of the offering of the [evening] sacrifice, that [there was] neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

11_1KI_18_30 And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD [that was] broken down.

11_1KI_18_31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name:

11_1KI_18_32 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

11_1KI_18_33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid [him] on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour [it] on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.

11_1KI_18_34 And he said, Do [it] the second time. And they did [it] the second time. And he said, Do [it] the third time. And they did [it] the third time.

11_1KI_18_35 And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

11_1KI_18_36 And it came to pass at [the time of] the offering of the [evening] sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou [art] God in Israel, and [that] I [am] thy servant, and [that] I have done all these things at thy word.

11_1KI_18_37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou [art] the LORD God, and [that]

thou hast turned their heart back again.

11_1KI_18_38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that [was] in the trench.

11_1KI_18_39 And when all the people saw [it], they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he [is] the God; the LORD, he [is] the God.

11_1KI_18_40 And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

11_1KI_18_41 And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for [there is] a sound of abundance of rain.

11_1KI_18_42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

11_1KI_18_43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, [There is] nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

11_1KI_18_44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare [thy chariot], and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.

11_1KI_18_45 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

11_1KI_18_46 And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.