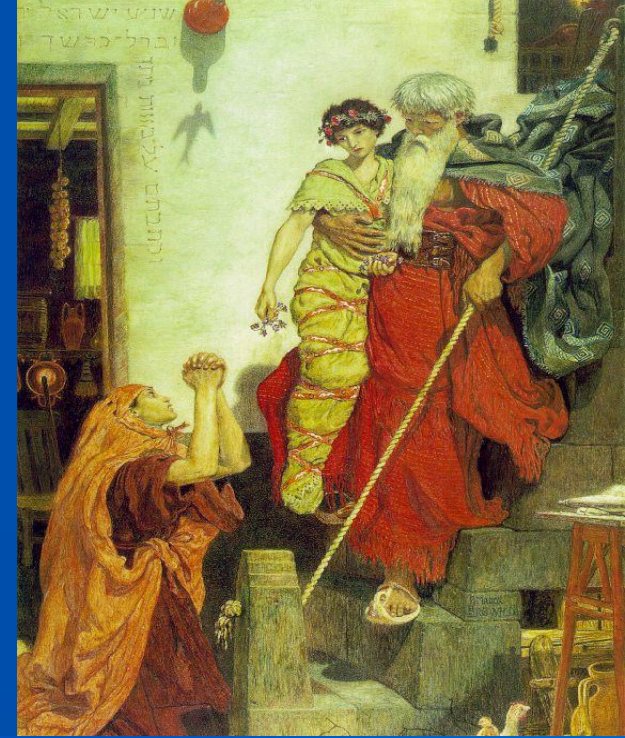


# ELIJAH

- God performed the 1<sup>st</sup> bodily resurrection through Elijah
- *Eliyahu* was hiding from King *Achav* and Jezebel because of the drought he pronounced on Israel
- No rain or dew, complete lack of humidity
- Only Kingdom of Israel, Tyre, and Sidon were affected

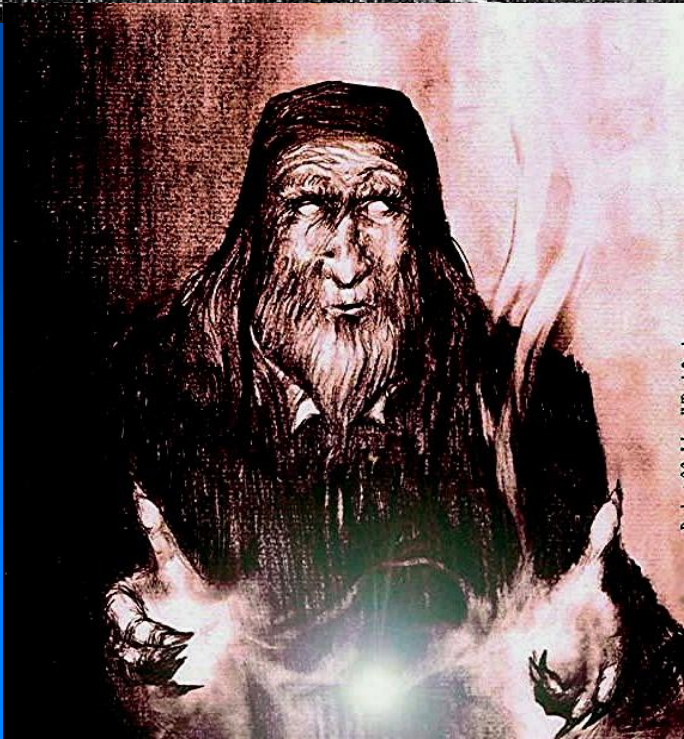




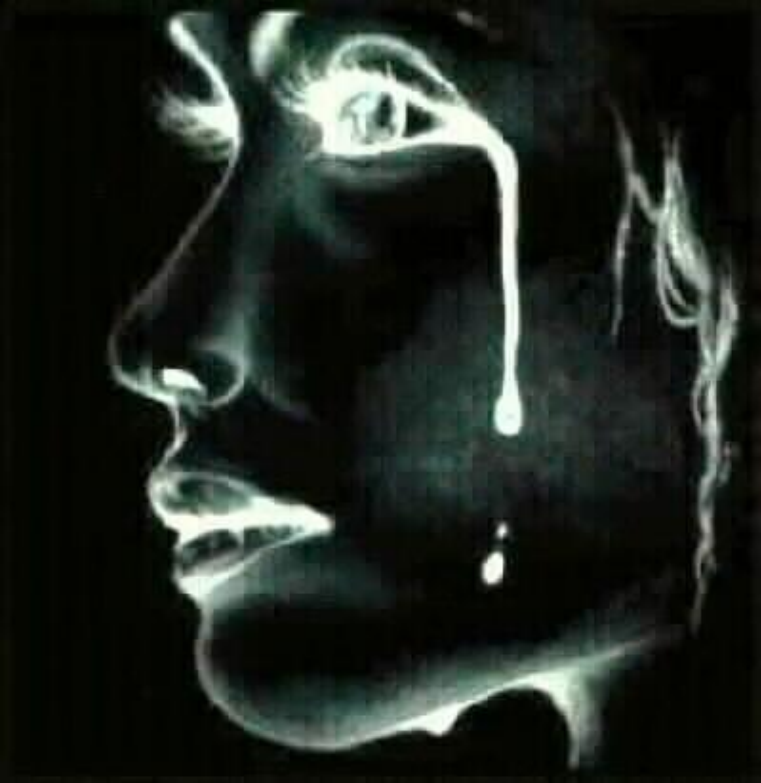


# 1<sup>ST</sup> KINGS 18: “It happened after many days”

- 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the drought
- YHWH did NOT appear to Elijah, was a dream or vision
- It was the Lord doing all; Elijah had no inherent power
- King **Achav** was angry and fearful of Elijah
- Superstitions ruled in Israel at that time as knowledge of the Torah was in decline







# NO REPENTANCE, JUST MISERY

- Israel and her leaders were wallowing in bitterness
- Habitual sin leads to spiritual blindness
- Sin becomes personified in them
- **Foundational Principle:**
- It is one thing for a usually righteous person to sin, but another to fully embrace sin and thus identify with that sin



# THE SIN VS. THE SINNER

- 1 Corinthians 6: 9 – 10
- Most translations take editorial license to say that doing sinful things excludes one from the Kingdom of God
- Young's Literal Translation (properly) shifts the focus from the sin to the sinner
- In God's eyes WHO we are is WHAT we identify ourselves with
- We cannot identify BOTH with Christ and with sin



# THE DIVINE LINE IN THE SAND

- Where, exactly, is that line? Only God knows.
- If one goes too far, God sees you AS THAT SIN and you are now lost
- Is change possible? Yes.
- No known Biblical situation where God has turned someone over to their sin and they've returned
- God says: "CHOOSE!"





# PROPHETS

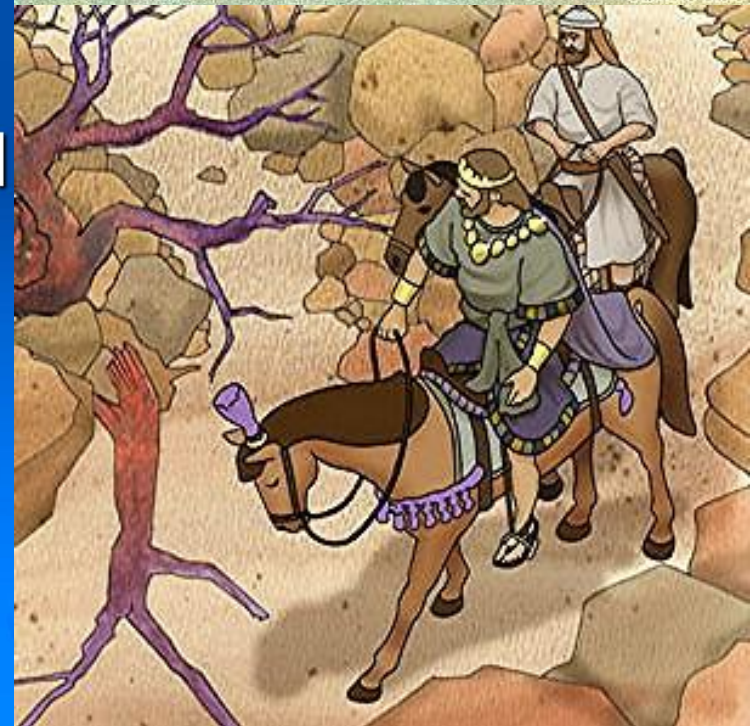
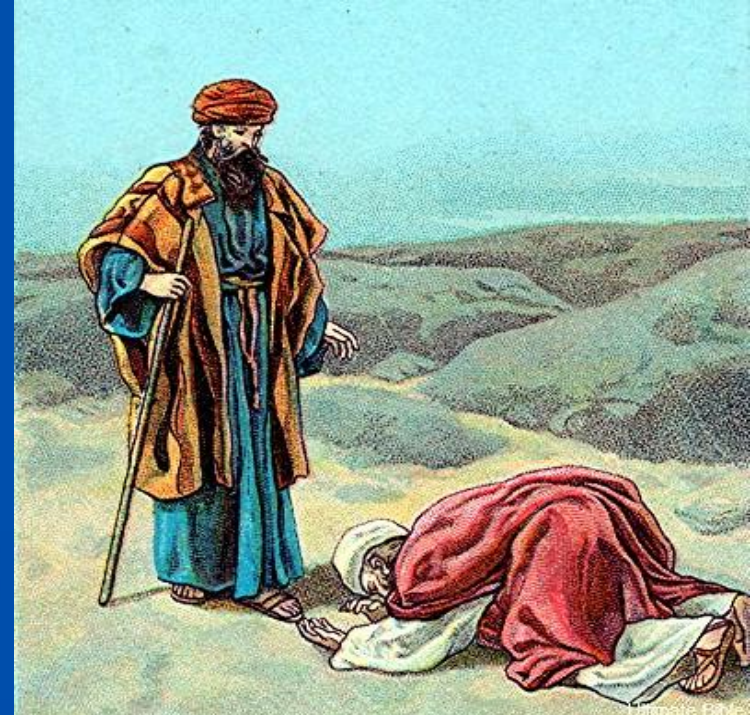


- *Ovadyah* was *Achav's* house steward
- A God fearer
- Hid 100 prophets of God from Jezebel
- These particular prophets were students at a prophet school
- NOT the special God-anointed prophets like Samuel or Elijah
- Like a seminary



# DIVISION AND SEPARATION

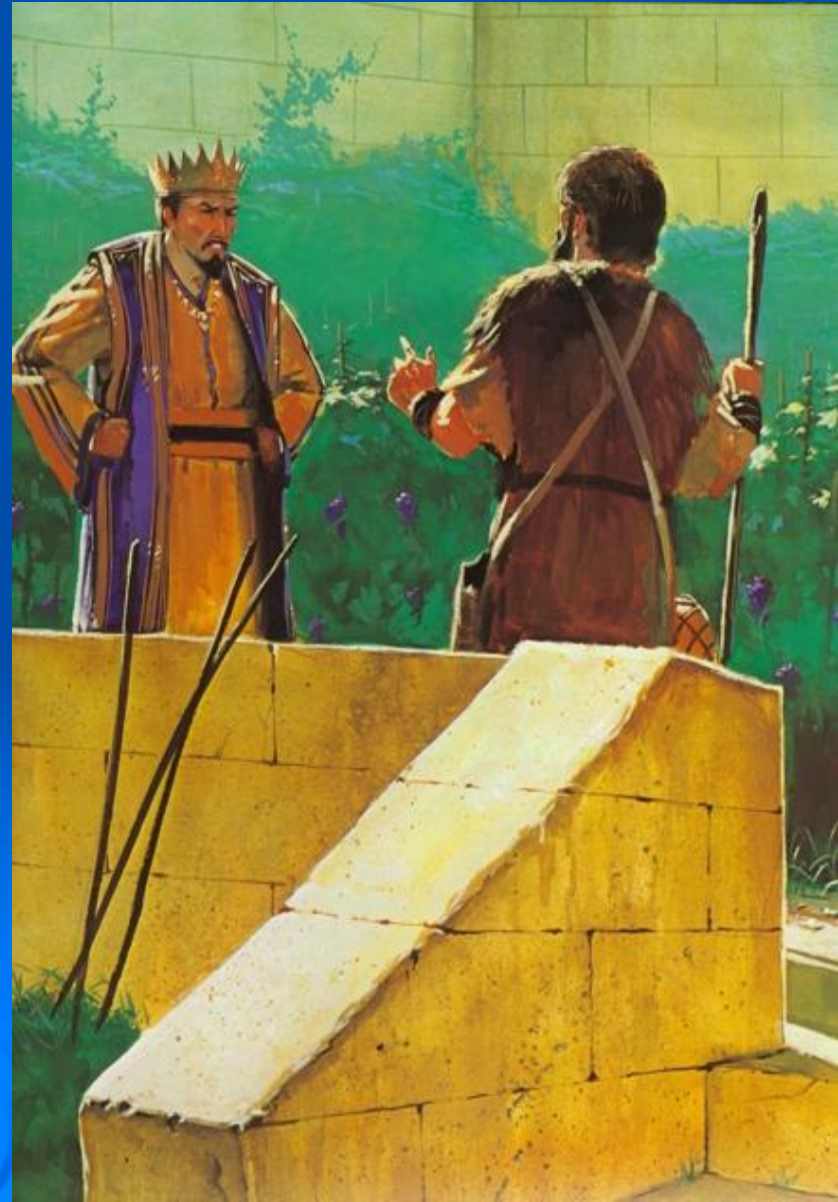
- King *Achav* and Obadiah take separate paths to search for grass for the remaining livestock
- The righteous Obadiah encounters Elijah
- Elijah tells Obadiah to go and tell *Achav* that Elijah has returned
- Obadiah is afraid that God will supernaturally carry Elijah away, and in anger *Achav* will kill Obadiah





# ELIJAH CONFRONTS THE KING

- The King asks, could this be the troubler of Israel?!
- Elijah thunders back that it is ***Achav*** who has brought this trouble upon Israel
- Elijah told the king to bring “all Israel”, 450 prophets of Ba'al and 400 prophets of Ashtoreth (Easter) to Mt. Carmel
- ***Achav*** expected that this was a gathering where Elijah would call for the rain to begin again







# “MAKE A CHOICE !”

- If YHWH is God follow Him
- *“How long will you limp on both sides ?”*
- The people wanted both
- When a person divides their loyalties that can get a false sense of security that they remain in harmony with God
- A mixture of good and evil can do more damage than pure evil because a person can think that their good offsets their sins





# MATTHEW 6:24

- The Emergent Church says we CAN serve 2 masters
- I'm OK, You're OK
- Anything a Scripture passage means to you is YOUR truth
- This wrong mindset is exactly what the Israelites at Mt. Carmel thought was right
- The 400 prophets of Ashtoreth never showed up!







- Two Bulls are called for and Elijah allows the Ba'al prophets to choose which bull for their sacrifice
- Two = *shenayim*
- Two that are NOT the same = שנימ
- Two that ARE identical = שני
- All that was happening was contrived spirituality, only noise and hollow religious activities
- The hope was that it would substitute for true worship and obedience to the true God