

# 1 Kings 19:1-15

## New Revised Standard Version

### Elijah Flees from Jezebel

**19** Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. **2** Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” **3** Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

**4** But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O **Lord**, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” **5** Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” **6** He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. **7** The angel of the **Lord** came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” **8** He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. **9** At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the **Lord** came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” **10** He answered, “I have been very zealous for the **Lord**, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

### Elijah Meets God at Horeb

**11** He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the **Lord**, for the **Lord** is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces 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; **12** and after the earthquake a fire, but the **Lord** was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. **13** When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” **14** He answered, “I have been very zealous for the **Lord**, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” **15** Then the **Lord** said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

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## New International Version

### Elijah Flees to Horeb

**19** Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. **2** So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.”

**3** Elijah was afraid<sup>1a</sup> and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, **4** while he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, **Lord**,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.” **5** Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, “Get up and eat.” **6** He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

**7** The angel of the **Lord** came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.” **8** So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. **9** There he went into a cave and spent the night.

### The **Lord** Appears to Elijah

And the word of the **Lord** came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

**10** He replied, “I have been very zealous for the **Lord** God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

**11** The **Lord** said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the **Lord**, for the **Lord** is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the **Lord**, but the **Lord** was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the **Lord** was not in the earthquake. **12** After the earthquake came a fire, but the **Lord** was

not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.<sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

<sup>14</sup> He replied, “I have been very zealous for the **LORD** God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

<sup>15</sup> The **LORD** said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram.

## 1 Kings 19:1-15 New King James Version

### Elijah Escapes from Jezebel

**19** And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup> Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So let the gods do *to me*, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.” <sup>3</sup> And when he saw *that*, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which *belongs* to Judah, and left his servant there.

<sup>4</sup> But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a <sup>a</sup>broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, “It is enough! Now, **LORD**, take my life, for I *am* no better than my fathers!”

<sup>5</sup> Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an <sup>b</sup>angel touched him, and said to him, “Arise *and* eat.” <sup>6</sup> Then he looked, and there by his head *was* a cake baked on <sup>c</sup>coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup> And the <sup>d</sup>angel of the **LORD** came back the second time, and touched him, and said, “Arise *and* eat, because the journey *is* too great for you.” <sup>8</sup> So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.

<sup>9</sup> And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the **LORD** *came* to him, and He said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

<sup>10</sup> So he said, “I have been very zealous for the **LORD** God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.”

## God's Revelation to Elijah

<sup>11</sup>Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the **LORD**." And behold, the **LORD** passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces 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 <sup>[a]</sup>a still small voice.

<sup>13</sup>So it was, when Elijah heard *it*, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice *came* to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

<sup>14</sup>And he said, "I have been very zealous for the **LORD** God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life."

<sup>15</sup>Then the **LORD** said to him: "Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael *as* king over Syria.

## 1Kings 19:1-15 The Message Bible

### *Elijah Flees to Horeb*

**19** **1** Ahab reported to Jezebel everything that Elijah had done, including the massacre of the prophets. **2** Jezebel immediately sent a messenger to Elijah with her threat: "The gods will get you for this and I'll get even with you! By this time tomorrow you'll be as dead as any one of those prophets." **3** When Elijah saw how things were, he ran for dear life to Beersheba, far in the south of Judah. He left his young servant there **4** and then went on into the desert another day's journey. He came to a lone broom bush and collapsed in its shade, wanting in the worst way to be done with it all – to just die: "Enough of this, God! Take my life – I'm ready to join my ancestors in the grave!" **5** Exhausted, he fell asleep under the lone broom bush. Suddenly an angel shook him awake and said, "Get up and eat!" **6** He looked around and, to his surprise, right by his head were a loaf of bread baked on some coals and a jug of water. He ate the meal and went back to sleep. **7** The angel of God came back, shook him awake again, and said, "Get up and eat some more – you've got a long journey ahead of you." **8** He got up, ate and drank his fill, and set out. Nourished by that meal, he walked forty days and nights, all the way to the mountain of God, to Horeb.

**9** When he got there, he crawled into a cave and went to sleep. Then the word of God came to him: "So Elijah, what are you doing here?" **10** "I've been working my

heart out for the God-of-the-Angel-Armies," said Elijah. "The people of Israel have abandoned your covenant, destroyed the places of worship, and murdered your prophets. I'm the only one left, and now they're trying to kill me." **11** Then he was told, "Go, stand on the mountain at attention before God. God will pass by." A hurricane wind ripped through the mountains and shattered the rocks before God, but God wasn't to be found in the wind; after the wind an earthquake, but God wasn't in the earthquake; **12** and after the earthquake fire, but God wasn't in the fire; and after the fire a gentle and quiet whisper. **13** When Elijah heard the quiet voice, he muffled his face with his great cloak, went to the mouth of the cave, and stood there. A quiet voice asked, "So Elijah, now tell me, what are you doing here?" **14** Elijah said it again, "I've been working my heart out for God, the God-of-the-Angel-Armies, because the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant, destroyed your places of worship, and murdered your prophets. I'm the only one left, and now they're trying to kill me." **15** God said, "Go back the way you came through the desert to Damascus. When you get there anoint Hazael; make him king over Aram.