Elijah - Rescue from misery

1 Kings 19

Readings this week:

1 Kings 19:1-6 Kings 19:7-18 Kings 19:19-21 Psalm 37:1-24 Psalm 69:1-18 Psalm 116

Psalm 55:1-17

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. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

1 Kíngs 19:11-13, ESV

Read 1 Kings 19 together, and find out what happened to Elijah after the events on Mount Carmel. Look at the ways in which God helped Elijah during this time, and record your answers to the questions below.



Why do you think Elijah may have felt low after the events at Carmel?



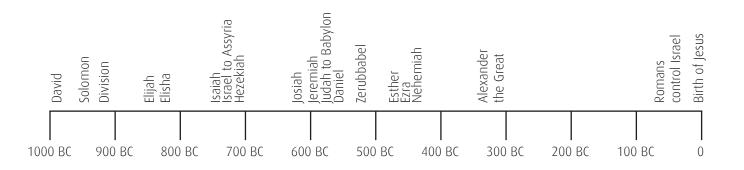
What do you think he learned in the cave at Horeb?

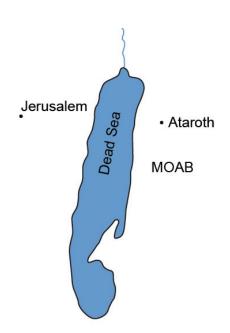
What did God give him next?



travel?

Why do you think he wanted to go to Horeb? (another name for Sinai)





The Moabite Stone

The "Moabite Stone" is an inscription set up around 840 BC by King Mesha of Moab (he's mentioned in 2 Kings 3:4).

Mesha tells how people of the tribe of Gad lived in Ataroth (that's recorded in Numbers 32:34).

The inscription says that Kemosh, the god of Moab, (1 Kings 11:7) had allowed the Moabites to be subjugated to Omri king of Israel (Omri was the father of Ahab, and 2 Kings 3:4 says that they had to give the King of Israel thousands of sheep every year).

In the end Mesha was able to throw off the yoke of Israel and restore the lands of Moab (2 Kings 3:5).

Mesha then describes his many building projects.

The stone is in the Louvre museum in Paris, France.



Digging Deeper

Elijah and John the Baptist

The lives of Bible characters often follow similar patterns. Two people have many characteristics or events in common with each other. These are often called 'types' or 'echoes' or 'shadows'.

We can see one of these patterns in the lives of Elijah and John the Baptist. Compile a list of similarities between them. These passages may help you:

Matthew 3:1-5

Luke 3:18-19

1 Kings 19:1-4

2 Kings 1:8

Luke 1:17

What does the Old Testament say was going to happen?

Malachi 4;5-6

What does Jesus say about this?

Matthew 17:10-13

Thank
God that
if we pray to
him he will help
us when we are
feeling down.

Cross out the letters of the things the LORD was not in, to find what Elijah heard. Use the verses from 1 Kings 19:11,12 to help you.

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