

**YHWH AND ELIJAH**

**VS**

**JEZEBEL, AHAB AND**

**THE KING OF TYRE**

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# WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE 10<sup>TH</sup> BCE CENTURY IN ISRAEL?

According to Jewish tradition, the creation of the world began (5766 years ago) with the foundation stone on Mount Moriah (under the Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount). This is where an important royal Can'inite city was built (about 4,000 years ago), and which was conquered from the Jebusites by King David in 1004 BCE and became the capital of his kingdom and a holy city. David's son Solomon built the First Temple and his descendents (Hezekiah, Zedekiah and the Judean Kings) continued to enlarge and fortify the city's boundaries, and to build a water supply system (Hezekiah's tunnel).

The 9th century BC was a period of great changes in civilizations. In Africa, Carthage is founded by the Phoenicians. In Egypt, a severe flood covers the floor of Luxor temple, and years later, a civil war starts. It is the beginning of the Iron Age in Central Europe, with the spread of the Proto-Celtic Hallstatt culture, and the Proto-Celtic language.

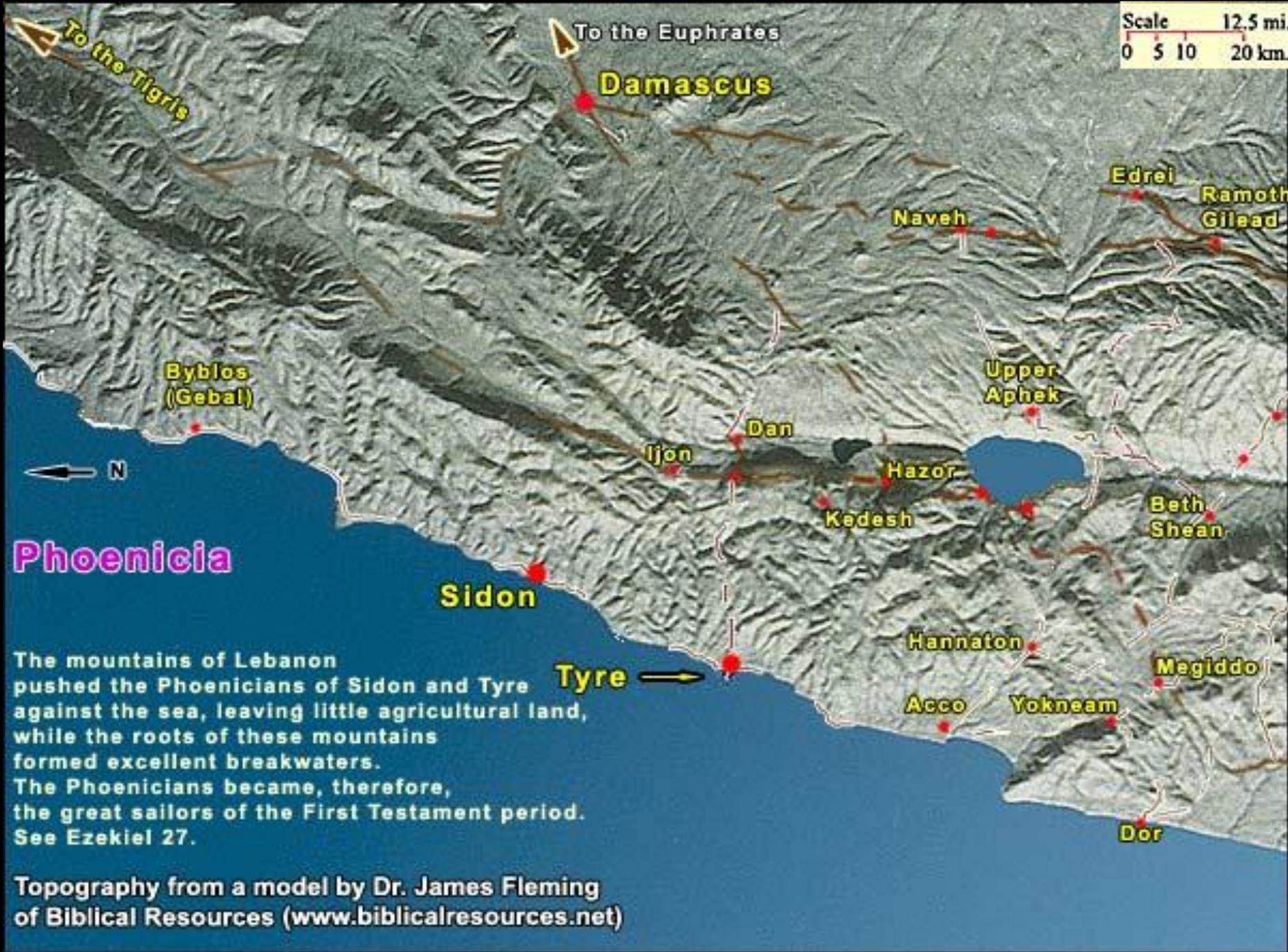
# TIMELINE OF THE ISRAELITES

- 1312 BC(?\*) the Exodus from Egypt (Moses)
- 1150 BC–c. 1025 BC Judges lead the people
- 1025 BC–c. 1007 BC King Saul
- 1010 BC–c. 970 BC King David
- 1001 BCE–c. 931 BC King Solomon
- 960 BC Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem completed
- 931 BC Split between Kingdom of Israel (Samaria) and Kingdom of Judah
- 931 BC–c. 913 BC King Rehoboam of Judah
- 931 BC–c. 910 BC King Jeroboam of Israel

# **THROUGHOUT HISTORY YHWH HAS DEALT WITH IDOLATROUS AND REBELLIOUS CITIES**

A number of cities have had their destiny foretold. Babylon was to end up totally uninhabited where even the Arabian would not pitch his tents (Isa. 13:19-20). Egypt was to become a "base kingdom" (Ezek. 14:15), which to this day it is. Rome, the fourth great empire of Daniel, was to remain until the coming of Yahshua (Dan. 7:17, 21-26). The city of the Edomites, Petra (or Seir) was to become perpetually desolate (Ezek 35). Jerusalem was to be destroyed, its inhabitants scattered into all nations, and be trodden down by the Gentiles "until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:20-24). Just as predicted, it has been under Gentile occupation until 1967.

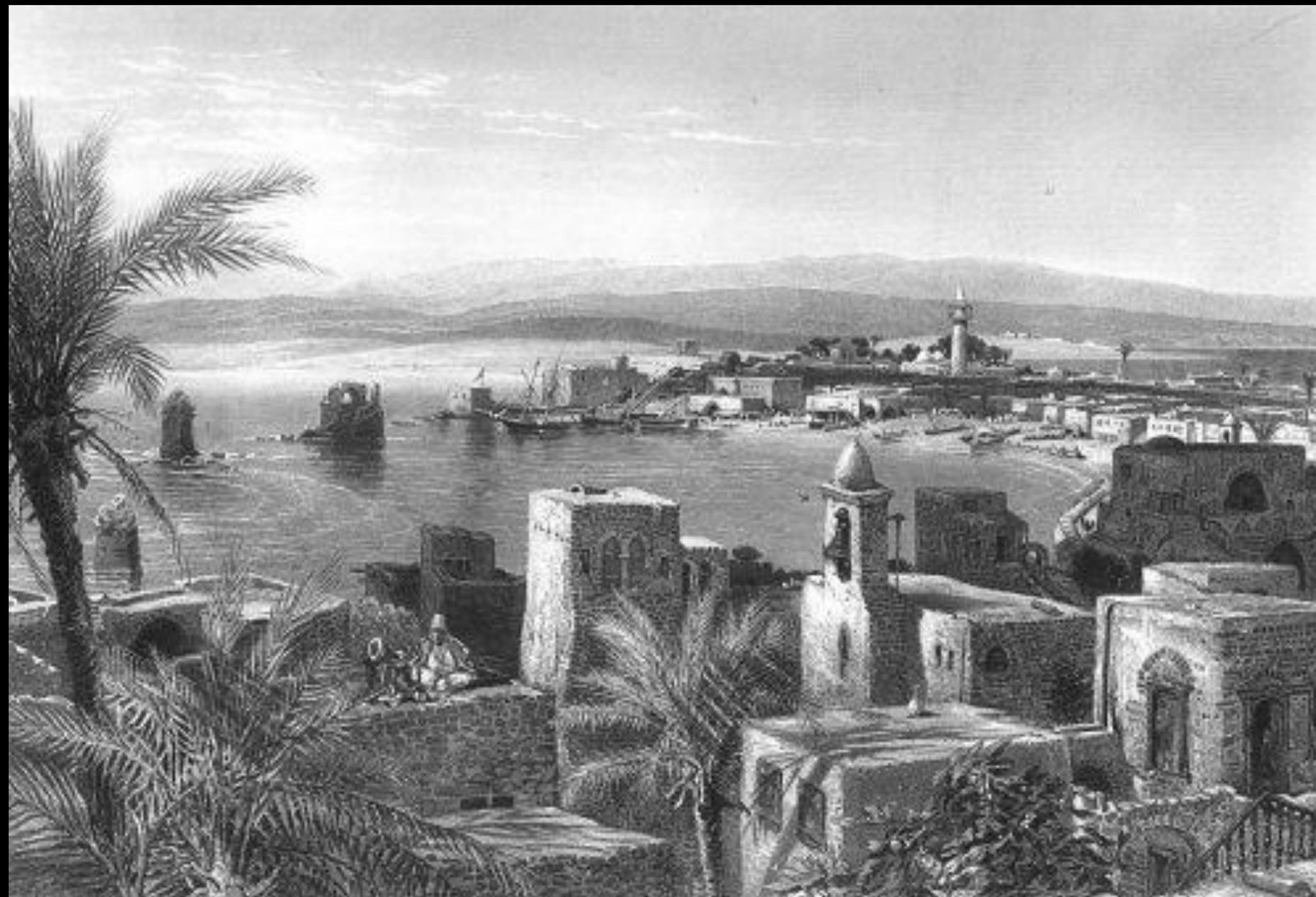
Ezekiel and Isaiah both prophesied against the city of Tyre.



# THE TWIN CITIES OF TYRE AND SIDON

It is a powerful confirmation of the hand of YHWH that these predictions were made centuries before the events were completely fulfilled, each in its distinctive way. One of the most extraordinary of these is the Tyre, the city that was to be cast into the sea.

Tyre was actually two cities, a large mainland city on the shore of the Mediterranean, about 20 miles south of its sister city, Sidon, and a smaller island fortress about half a mile from the mainland. The island was about half a mile wide and three-fourths mile long. Because of the necessity of fresh water, area for agriculture and raising animals, fuel, and space for growth, the mainland city, was the larger. The island fortress was primarily for refuge. The main city and port were on the mainland



# The Canaanites in Tyre and Sidon

Historical and archaeological evidence indicate both cities were settled by the early second millennium BC and were important seaports long before the Israelites settled in Canaan. While Sidon was mentioned many times during the Canaanite and early Israelite periods in the Bible, Tyre first appeared as part of Asher's western boundary (Jos 19:29). Specifically called a "fortified city" in this passage, it was noted as a significant landmark.

Tyre and Sidon thought they were "very wise" (Zech. 9:2b), but in reality they were very corrupt and proud. So devilish was the city of Tyre, that YHWH links together the king of Tyre and Satan (cf. Ezek. 28:1-19).

The people in Tyre were known for their worldly wisdom, but it was devilish wisdom. James 3:15 says, "This wisdom descended not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish."

# WHERE DID THE PHONEICANS ORIGINATE FROM?

According to Herodotus, the Phoenicians, (who were preeminently Canaanites), were driven from their first homes on the northern shore of the Persian Gulf by the Semitic conquerors of Babylonia and Chaldea. Migrating across the Arabian Desert they settled first in the fertile lowlands to the south of what is now called the Dead Sea, where they founded the once prosperous cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, and at the northern end of the Sea the city of Jericho.

Gradually they separated into various tribes. Under the name of Jebusites and Perizzites they took possession of the interior of the land, and under the name of Amorites they conquered the Jordan valley and the land of Bashan.

Others, retaining the original name of Canaanites, spread along the plains of Esdraelon, Megiddo and Acre, and finally settled the whole sea-board of Syria, where they founded (or took possession of) the cities of Sidon and Tyre, and became ancestors of the powerful Phoenician nation. The aborigines were either exterminated by the Canaanitish conquerors or were assimilated with them; the Rephaim were exterminated, while the southern Hittites and Hivites were assimilated and in consequence are mentioned as "sons of Canaan" in Gen. 10:15-17, although ethnologically they were of a far more ancient stock.

Ham, father of Canaan, was persuaded by his consort Naamah, to practice ritual murder and cannibalism. The word "cannibalism" comes from Canaan and the demon god Baal. Eustace Mullins, *The Curse of Canaan* p. 12 (1987). By eating fair-skinned persons, he was told, his descendants would regain their superior qualities. Eustace Mullins, *The Curse of Canaan* p. 11 (1987).

The Canaanites originated the practices of demon-worship, occult rites, child sacrifice and cannibalism. Eustace Mullins, *The Curse of Canaan* p. 8 (1987). They sacrificed children to Molech (a Semitic god). Mike Warnke, *Schemes of Satan* p. 29 (1991).

In Palestine numerous bodies of children were discovered in the foundations of buildings, proving without doubt that oblations of this character were common among Canaanites to strengthen the walls of homes and cities. Edwin O. James, *Sacrifice and Sacrament*, p. 94 (1962). The priests of the Canaanites, to control the populace, claimed that the first-born children were to be sacrificed to their demon gods (Isaiah 57:3-5). They practiced their horrible rites in "groves" or "shrines" where they could "murder children without being seen and punished by the descendents of Shem" Eustace Mullins, *The Curse of Canaan*, p. 24 (1987).

The Canaanites were literally as well as spiritually an accursed race. Doomed to inevitable destruction by their cherished evils, they have gone down into history as one of the most degraded races of mankind, who well deserved the name of "low ones," by which they were stigmatized by the rest of the Ancient Church. (AC 2913.) For, as has been observed before, this people was named from a root signifying "to be low," whereas the land of Canaan was named from a root signifying "merchandise."

One may question that those ancient enemies of Israel were as evil as the Bible claims that they were, but even a superficial glance at Canaanite religion alone ably demonstrates their iniquity. Base sex worship was prevalent, and religious prostitution even commanded; human sacrifice was common; and it was a frequent practice--in an effort to placate their gods--to kill young children and bury them in the foundations of a house or public building at the time of construction: Joshua 6:26 "In his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn..." Howard E. Vos, "An Introduction To Bible Archaeology" Revised ed. (Chicago: Moody Press, 1953) pp. 17-19.

It wasn't long before the Kings of Judah followed in the footsteps of their brother in the North: 1 Kings 14:22-24 Now Judah did evil in the sight of YHWH, and they provoked Him to jealousy with their sins which they committed, more than all that their fathers had done. For they also built for themselves high places, sacred pillars, and wooden images on every high hill and under every green tree. And there were also perverted persons in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the nations which YHWH had cast out before the children of Israel.

Baal worship was a powerful attraction to the people of Israel and eventually led to their destruction and exile. The Northern Kingdom of Israel wanted idolatry and YHWH gave them over to Assyria, the Southern Kingdom of Judah wanted idolatry and the Lord gave them over to Babylon, both lands filled to the brink with idolatry.



Limestone stele,  
early 2<sup>nd</sup> Millennium,

*When Israel was a  
child, I loved him, and  
out of Egypt I called  
my son. The more I  
called them, the more  
they went from me;  
they kept sacrificing to  
the Baals, and  
burning incense to  
idols.*

(Hosea, 11:1-2)

# TYRE – ‘THE QUEEN OF THE SEA’

Phoenician Tyre was queen of the seas, an island city of unprecedented splendour. She grew wealthy from her far-reaching colonies and her industries of purple-dyed textiles. But she also attracted the attention of jealous conquerors among them the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar and Alexander the Great. Five Millennia of History.

Founded at the start of the third millennium B.C., Tyre originally consisted of a mainland settlement and a modest island city that lay a short distance off shore. But it was not until the first millennium B.C. that the city experienced its golden age.

In the 10th century B.C. Hiram, King of Tyre, joined two islets by landfill. Later he extended the city further by reclaiming a considerable area from the sea. Phoenician expansion began about 815 B.C. when traders from Tyre founded Carthage (Tarshish) in North Africa. Eventually its colonies spread around the Mediterranean and Atlantic, bringing to the city a flourishing maritime trade. But prosperity and power make their own enemies.

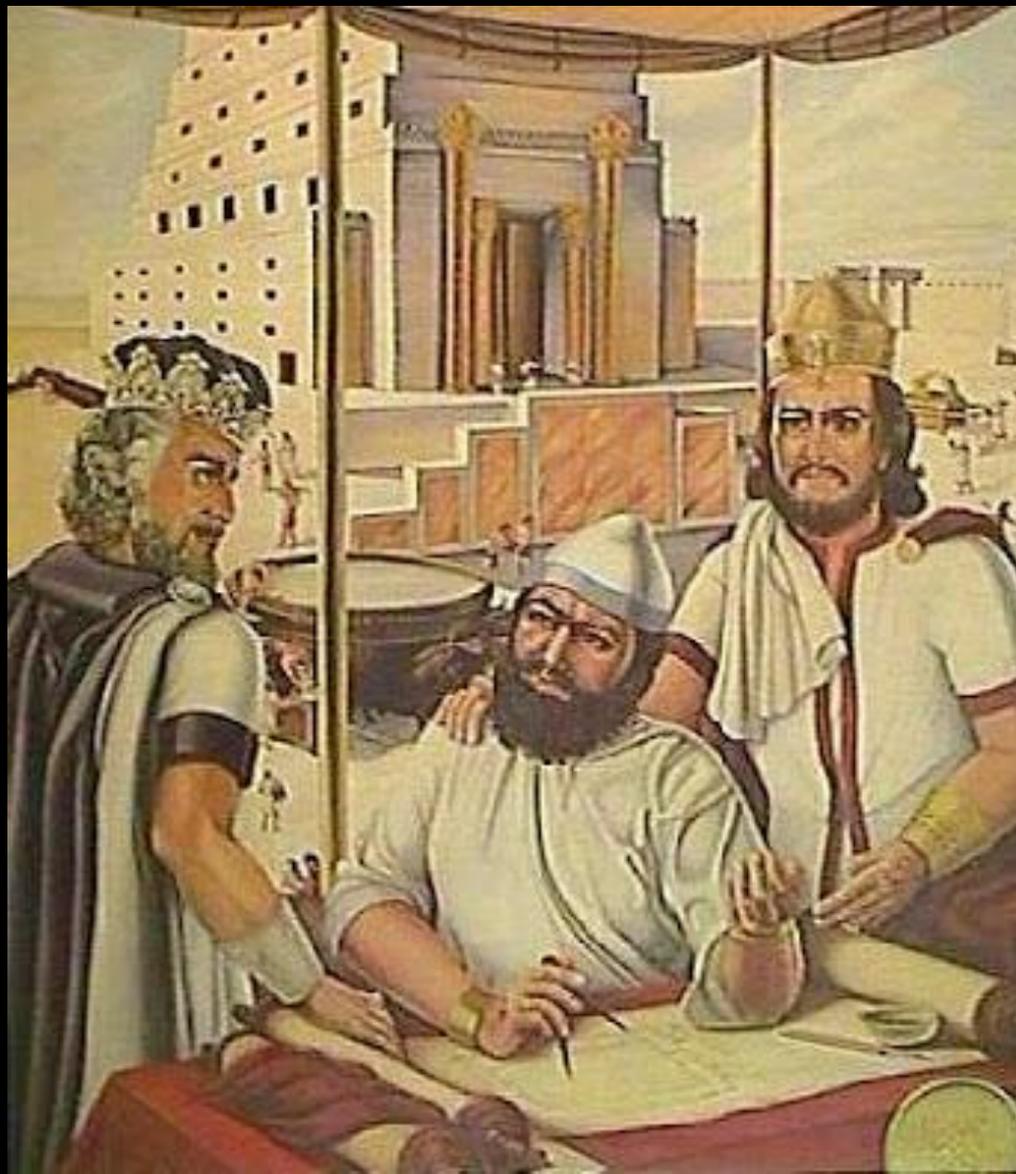


<b><u>Abibaal</u></b>		
<b><u>Hiram I</u></b>	980 – 947 BC	Contemporary of David and Solomon.
<b><u>Baal-Eser I</u></b> (Balazeros I, Ba‘l-mazzer I)	946-930 BC	
<b><u>Abdastartus</u></b> (‘Abd-‘Astart)	929-921 BC	
<b><u>Astartus</u></b> (‘Ashtart)	920-901 BC	Killed predecessor. First of 4 brothers to reign.
<b><u>Deleastartus</u></b> (Dalay-‘Ashtart)	900-889 BC	
<b><u>Astarymus</u></b> (‘Ashtar-rom)	888-880 BC	
<b><u>Phelles</u></b> (Pilles)	879 BC	Last of the 4 brothers.
<b><u>Ithobaal I</u></b> (Ethbaal I)	878-847 BC	Killed predecessor. Father of Biblical <a href="#">Jezebel</a> .
<b><u>Baal-Eser II</u></b> (Balazeros II, Ba‘l-mazzer II)	846-841 BC	Tribute to <a href="#">Shalmaneser III</a> in 841 BC.

## **THE ISRAEL/PHOENICIAN RELATIONSHIP**

Beginning with King David, the Tyrian connection became prominent. Hiram, king of Tyre, offered cedar trees, carpenters and masons to build David's palace (2 Sm 5:11). To what extent cedars were used in David's house is unclear, but David did consider his abode to be a palace of cedar (2 Sm 7:2), and YHWH seemed to agree (2 Sm 7:7). Later David utilized the help of Sidonians and Tyrians to provide cedar trees for the Temple (1 Chr 22:4).

# KING HIRAM AND KING SOLOMAN



# KING HIRAM OF TYRE SENT SUPPLIES AND PEOPLE TO HELP BUILD KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE



THE BUILDING OF THE TEMPLE—1 Kings vi. 1.



# KING DAVID OF ISRAEL RECEIVING SUPPLIES FROM THE KING OF TYRE



# **PHOENICIA IS THE GREEK WORD FOR PURPLE**

While Tyre and Sidon were considered Canaanite during the second millennium BC, scholars call the Lebanese coast after the time of the Israelite Conquest of Canaan, Phoenicia. “Phoenicia” was the name given to the region by the Greeks, from their word for purple. The ancient world’s purple dye industry developed from extracting a fluid from a Mediterranean mollusc, the murex. Not only did the people of the Phoenician coast develop this industry, they specialized in shipping this very valuable commodity all over the Mediterranean world.

Three thousand years ago the Phoenicians controlled trade in purple dyed silks. The gland of the sea-snail *Murex trunculus* secretes a yellow fluid that, when exposed to sunlight, turns purple-blue. A similar dye, the Tyrian Purple was made from the *Murex brandaris* yielding purple red colours. Both dyes were extremely expensive.

It is believed that it generally takes 12,000 snails to produce just 1.4 grams of this dye. Because of this, it was so expensive, that the historian Theopompus reported that,“Purple for dyes fetched its weight in silver”. Yet, there was a craze for this dye as a status symbol. In fact the Emperors of Byzantium made a law forbidding anybody from using it except themselves. The expression ‘**born in the purple**’ rose from this practice.



# THE TRADING AND SEAFARING CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

Byblos, Sidon and Tyre were the main Phoenician cities and traded with many countries round the Mediterranean, especially Italy. The Phoenicians first traded in Italy with the Etruscan, a society of artisans skilled in the art of jewellery making. However, it was with the creation of Imperial Rome by Romulus in 753 B.C. that the Murex's purple dye began to be synonymous with power, wealth and position.

The exports of Phoenicia as a whole included particularly cedar and pine wood, fine linen from Tyre, Byblos, and Berytos (ancient Beirut), cloths dyed with the famous Murex Tyrian purple, embroideries from Sidon, metalwork and glass, glazed faience, wine, salt, and dried fish. They received in return raw materials, such as papyrus, ivory, ebony, silk, amber, ostrich eggs, spices, incense, horses, gold, silver, copper, iron, tin, jewels, and precious stones. The name Byblos is Greek; papyrus received its early Greek name (byblos, byblinos) from its being exported to the Aegean through Byblos. Hence the English word Bible is derived from byblos as "the (papyrus) book."



Sidon, called Saida today (Arabic for “fishing”), was named after the firstborn son of Canaan (Gn 10:15) and probably settled by his descendants. The northern border of ancient Canaan extended to Sidon (Gn 10:19). Later, Jacob spoke of it as the boundary of Zebulun (Gn 49:13) and Joshua included it as part of the land promised to Israel (Jos 13:6).

Sidon was included in the inheritance of Asher, on its northern boundary (Jos 19:28), but it was not taken by that tribe in conquest (Jgs 1:31, 3:3).

Settled from the beginning as a port city, Sidon was built on a promontory with a nearby offshore island that sheltered the harbor from storms.

# WE ARE LIVING IN THE LAST GENERATION OF BABYLONIA

A majority of Christians/Believers are putting their trust in the false doctrines and traditions of men, and being conditioned into a position of accepting the Antichrist as the Messiah, upon his arrival. Most of the church has embraced the ancient, false, religion of Old Babylon, which is satan worship disguised as various forms of Nimrod and Semiramis (valentine's day; easter; sun worship; moon worship; mother child worship; baal; rapture; anti-Messiah worship = satan worship). Add to that...incest, sodomy, adultery. We are reliving the times of Nimrod; things are going to get worse.

All world religious beliefs not founded on the absolute truths of the Bible have descended from Mystery Babylon and can therefore be described as religions from Babylonian paganism. Those who claim they are not pagans because they are not witches do not understand this common root and source of all polytheistic and pantheistic beliefs. The Bible says there is nothing new under the sun. There also is nothing new in witchcraft, "New Age/New Spirituality" or in eastern polytheistic religions either because they all came from the same root source. All these beliefs originated from Babylonian mystery religion that goes back to the rebellion against God at the tower of Babel over 4,000 years ago.

# BABYLON- THE CITY OF CONFUSION

“Babylon was a golden cup in YHWH’s hand, that made all the earth drunk...the nations drank her wine; therefore the nations are deranged...Babylon has suddenly fallen and been destroyed...for her judgment reaches to heaven...O you who dwell by many waters, abundant in treasures, your end has come, the measure of your covetousness...Though Babylon were to ascend up to heaven...I will punish Bel in Babylon...and the nations shall not stream to him anymore...Behold, I am against you, O destroying mountain, who destroys all the earth...and I will stretch out My hand against you, roll you down from the rocks, and make you a burnt mountain” – Behold: The **“City of Confusion** is broken down” (Isaiah 24:10; Jeremiah 51).



# JUDGEMENT OF BABYLON AND HER FOLLOWERS IS COMING SOON

The “Judgment of the Nations” is the finality – the conclusion of the matter – it is the DAY OF YAHWEH. In sum, it is that horrid chronological constriction between the 1,260th day and the 1,290th day of [Daniel 12](#) when the Wrath of YHWH and the Lamb is poured out upon the earthlings . . . when Babylon the Great is burned with fire and her smoke ascends and is seen by all, especially the Merchants of the Earth from afar. It is the time of His Coming – the fulfilment of [Joel 2:30-32](#), [Matthew 24:29-31](#) and the vindication of the saints of the Most High ([Revelation 14:17-20](#); [16:16](#); [19:17-21](#)). And, in the midst of all this is the sinister figure of TYRE – on the ready to repay, to retaliate. The same winepress that is full in Joel is at capacity and overflowing in [Revelation 14:17-20](#)—make no mistake, these are the same events; therefore, TYRE’s image is called out for judgment – and his Daughter of Tarshish is destroyed in [Revelation 18](#); along with all her enchantments and merchandise; likewise, those made wealthy through the violence of her trading shall stand afar off and wail over her demise...for no one buys her wares any longer!

# NIMROD – THE WORLD'S FIRST EMPEROR

Semiramis was both the wife and mother of Nimrod; she was an evil woman, indeed. Nimrod and his mother/wife led a great rebellion against YHWH. The Tower of Babel was the first "United Nations" and "New World Order".

It was Satan's attempt to defy YHWH and His authority. Nimrod was thought to have been the first post-flood world emperor, recorded in history as the Assyrian King Tukulti-Ninurta I, the founder of Nineveh and ruler of the known world within the **Golden Crescent**.

# THE FATHER OF BAAL WAS EL

The native religion of the Canaanites centered on El, the male creator god, and his wife Asherah. Baal was the son of their union. Baal later replaced El and became the chief male deity of Canaan. In the Canaanite religion, or Levantine religion as a whole, Ēl or Il was the supreme god, the father of humankind and all creatures and the husband of the goddess Asherah as recorded in the clay tablets of Ugarit (modern Rās Shamrā - Arabic: رأس شمرا, Syria). Later, in an act of incest, Baal married his own mother (i.e. Asherah), who was worshipped as a mother goddess and the chief female deity of Canaan. As Mother Goddess, Asherah was widely worshiped throughout Palestine and Syria. Baal was primarily a fertility god. He appeared mainly as a man with the horns of a bull, carrying thunderbolts in his hand(s), just like his father 'El. This was an exact replica of the relationship of Nimrod and his mother Semiramus.



# BAAL AND ASHTORETH

- Baal worship is headed by Satan himself. After Nimrod and Semiramis, the spread of Baal and Easter (Ashtaroth) worship was spread throughout the world by the sons of Ham; then later by Jezebel (meaning "daughter of Baal" in Punic).
- She was married to king Ahab of Israel, by her father Eth-Baal, for the primary purpose of spreading the worship of Baal and Easter throughout the known world.



# THE KING OF TYRE

- **Ithobaal I** ('Ittoba'ī, Ethbaal)
- **King of Tyre**
- **Reign** 878 BC –
- **BC Born** 915
- **BC Birthplace** Tyre, presumed
- **Died** 847 or 846BC
- **Predecessor** Phelles (8 months, 879 BC)
- **Successor** Baal-Eser II (Balazeros, Ba'ī-mazzer II) 846 – 841 BC
- **Dynasty** Began house of Ithobaal/Ithobalus
- **Children** Jezebel and Baal-Eser II
- **Ithobaal I** (in Hebrew *Ethbaal*, 1 Kings 16:31) was a king of Tyre who founded a new dynasty. During his reign, Tyre expanded its power on the mainland, making all of Phoenicia its territory as far north as Beirut, including Sidon, and even a part of the island of Cyprus.
- At the same time, Tyre also built new overseas colonies: Botrys (now Batrun) near Byblos, and Auza in Libya.

# ETHBAAL - THE KING OF PHOENICIA

The most demonic ruler of Tyre was Ithobal or Eth-Baal, the priest king. After King Hiram's death his descendants fell into trouble; for these hardy, reckless Phoenicians were not easy people to rule. Each city was, like the Italian cities of the middle ages, a community wherein every man thought for himself. Each merchant adventurer had learned self-reliance of body and of mind, and valued his independence as his dearest possession. Hence there were constant tumults.

The prolonged drought, which the Bible tells us afflicted Israel was felt in Phoenicia also. King Eth-Baal performed a great religious ceremonial to escape the drought, leading his people in procession about Tyre and offering up the terrible Phoenician sacrifice of living children, to avert the wrath of the gods. The king of Phoenicia was not only the political leader of his people, he was also the high priest of their religion, as his name Ethbaal implies. His daughter Jezebel had grown up steeped in the worship of Baal and his female consort, Astarte (or Ashtoreth). Baal was considered to be the god of the *land*. He owned it, they said, and he controlled its weather and the increase of its crops and cattle.

## KING ETHBAAL WAS A BAAL WORSHIPPER

According to the first-century A.D. historian Josephus, who drew on a Greek translation of the now-lost Annals of Tyre, Ethbaal served as a priest of Astarte, the primary Phoenician goddess. Jezebel, as the king's daughter, may have served as a priestess as she was growing up. In any case, she was certainly raised to honour the deities of her native land.



# **BAAL WORSHIP ENTERED ISRAEL** **VIA JEZEBEL**

Kings were recognized as very necessary leaders and defenders of the city, but many a king was slain in civic quarrels. Eth-Baal, gained the throne by slaying his predecessor, who had in his turn slain an earlier king only eight months before. Eth-Baal, who had been high-priest of the city, stopped the tumults by adding his religious influence to his kingly power. His reign was long and important. He built cities, and checked the advance of the Assyrians.

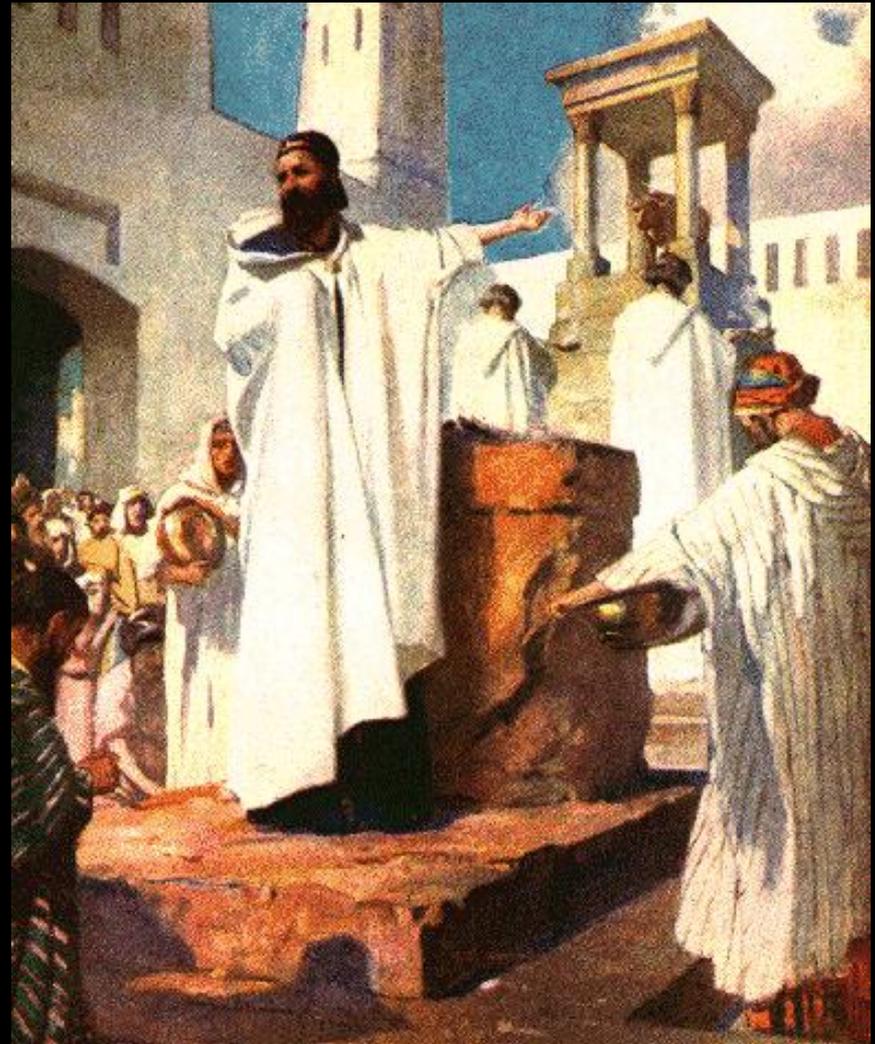
With the ever-present menace of Syria and the growing threat of Assyria, Ahab decided that he needed an alliance with this neighboring nation, so he made a treaty with the king of Phoenicia and sealed it by marrying his daughter. That is how Jezebel happened to move to Samaria, the capital of Israel.



# AHAB & JEROBOAM BOTH PRACTISED BAAL WORSHIP

YAHWEH, the G-d of Israel, is categorical: "Thou shall have no other gods before me" (Ex. 20:3; 34:14).

Idolatry in Israel was not a new problem. Even before marrying Jezebel, King Ahab is described in the Bible as walking "in the sins of Jeroboam," a king of Israel who built and worshipped two golden calves, and built notorious "high places" for worship, to keep Israelites from going to the house of YHWH in Jerusalem after the kingdoms of Israel and Judah were divided (1 Kings 12:25-31).



# Ahab Becomes King of Israel

1 Kings 16: 29 In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab son of Omri became king of Israel, and he reigned in Samaria over Israel twenty-two years. Ahab, son of Omri did more evil in the eyes of YHWH than any of those before him. He not only considered it trivial to commit the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, but he also married Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians, and began to serve Baal and worship him. He set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal that he built in Samaria. Ahab also made an Asherah pole and did more to arouse the anger of YHWH, the G-d of Israel, than did all the kings of Israel before him.

# PRINCESS JEZEBEL OF ZIDON

Her name originally meant 'The Prince Baal exists'. Baal was a weather god worshipped in the Syro-Palestinian world. In Biblical Hebrew Jezebel's name means 'there is no nobility'.

As the Books of Kings recount, the princess Jezebel is brought to the northern kingdom of Israel to wed the newly crowned King Ahab, son of Omri (1 Kings 16:31). The Bible writer's antagonism stems primarily from Jezebel's religion. The Phoenicians worshiped a swarm of gods and goddesses, chief among them Baal, the general term for 'lord' given to the head fertility and agricultural god of the Canaanites.



Wicked, Zidonian queen Jezebel was ruling with Ahab on the throne over the Ten Tribes of the house of Israel.

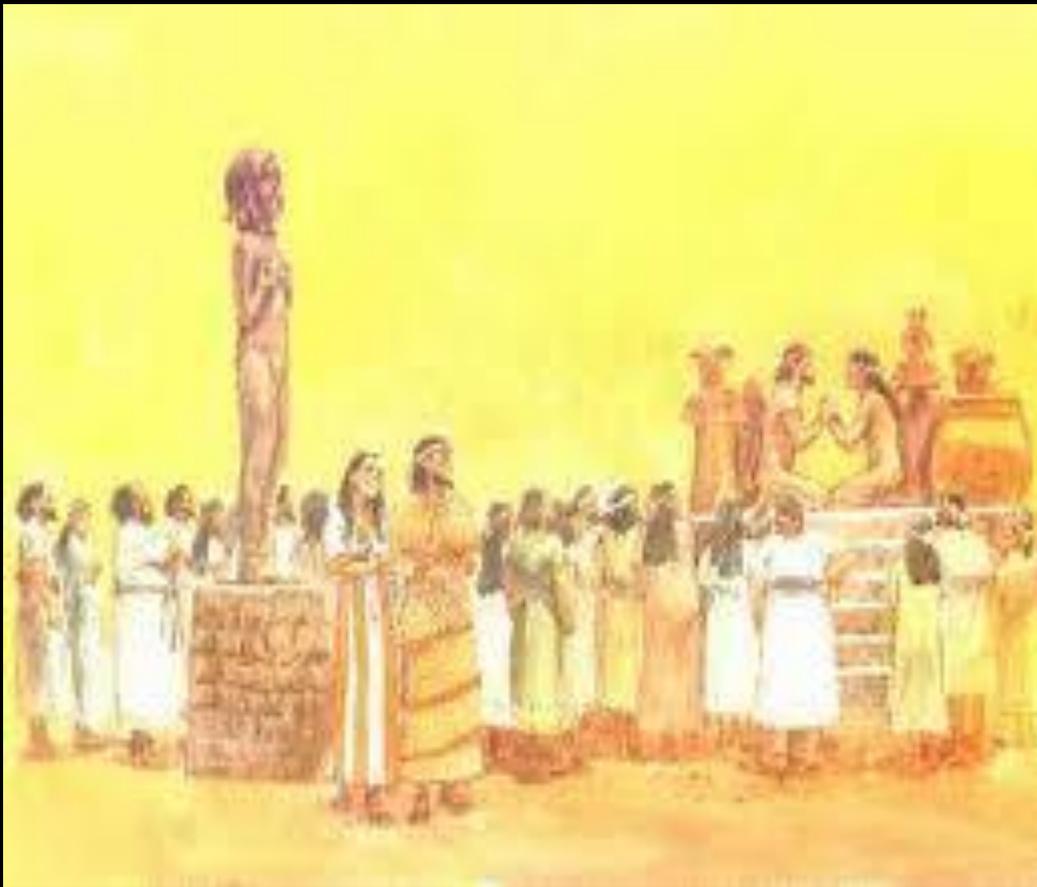
Jezebel was truly a wicked queen, she murdered prophets of YHWH, brought in all forms of Baal worship (including grove/orgies and Ashtorath), and forced the filthy practices on all the people.

Jezebel and Ahab took all forms of worshipping YHWH completely out of the house of Israel.

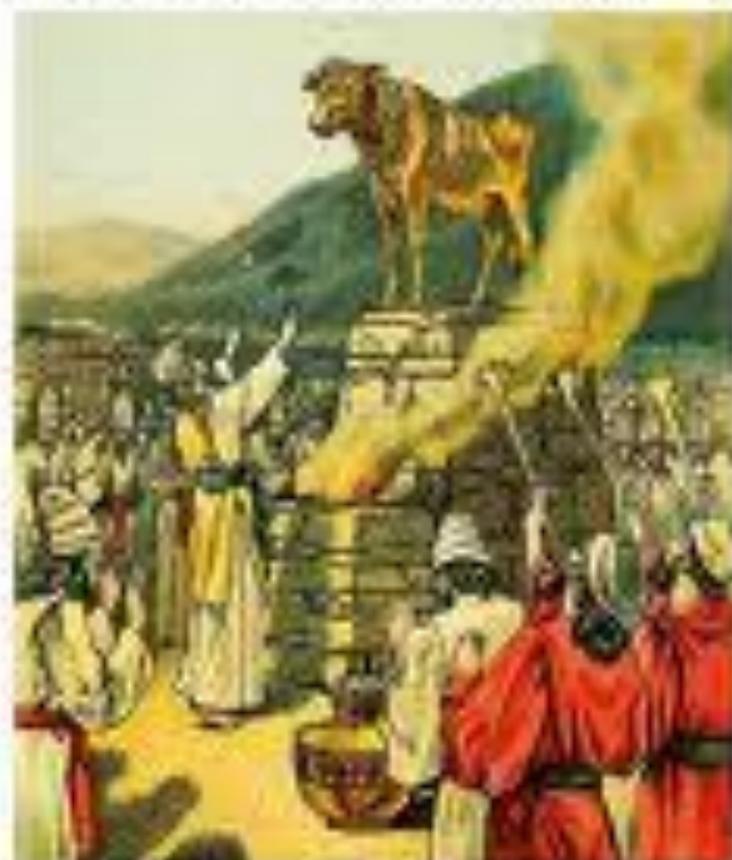
During the 14th to 11th Centuries, Ba'al became popular with the Egyptians and spread around the Mediterranean Sea locale during the establishment of the Phoenician colonies. Tyre was known as a centre of Ba'al worship where the Phoenicians thrived. In their theology, Melqart is the son of El who was God of Tyre. He was often called the Ba'al of Tyre. Hiram of Tyre built the Temple of King Solomon (Temple of Sun.)

There were many temples of Baal in Canaan, and the name Baal was often added to that of a locality, e.g., Baal-peor, Baal-hazor, Baal-hermon. The Baal cult penetrated Israel and at times led to *syncretism*...The practice of sacred prostitution seems to have been associated with the worship of Baal in Palestine and the cult was vehemently denounced by the prophets.” Baal was the most popular and powerful god of his time, considered to be “ruler of the universe,” and Israel wanted to be associated with—to worship—both Baal *and* the true G-d. Hence, the above reference to “syncretism,” which is the mixing of true and false religion—the worship of the true G-d mixed with customs, practices and worship of other gods. Merging worship of the true G-d with Baal worship was Israel’s problem.

# BAAL AND ASHERAH WORSHIP



# THE IDOLS WE WORSHIP



**Canaan**  
ca 1300 BCE



**Wall Street**  
ca 2000 CE

- Ashtoreth was considered to be the mother-goddess of fertility. So idols of both Baal and Ashtoreth stood side by side in their temples and were worshiped by priests and temple prostitutes with lewd dances and sacred orgies, with the hope that their god and goddess would follow their example and increase the productivity of their agriculture, their animals, and their children. In times of crisis such as famine, they slashed themselves and even sacrificed their children to appease the gods and implore their help.



archetype exists throughout many cultures, but the owl has direct links back to the worship of Ishtar, or the Queen of Heaven. In this relief, found in Iraq, Ishtar can be seen with two owls at Her feet.

# BAAL AND ASTORETH WORSHIP IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES



## JEZEBEL – DAUGHTER OF THE DEVIL HIMSELF

- Jezebel's marriage to Ahab was also a political alliance. The union provided both peoples with military protection from powerful enemies as well as valuable trade routes: Israel gained access to the Phoenician ports; Phoenicia gained passage through Israel's central hill country to Transjordan and especially to the King's Highway, the heavily travelled inland route connecting the Gulf of Aqaba in the south with Damascus in the north. But although the marriage is sound foreign policy, it is intolerable to the Deuteronomist because of Jezebel's idol worship.
- Jezebel does not accept Ahab's G-d, Yahweh. Rather, she leads Ahab to embrace Baal. This is why she is vilified by the Deuteronomist, whose goal is to stamp out polytheism. She represents a view of womanhood that is the opposite of the one extolled in characters such as Ruth the Moabite, who is also a foreigner. Ruth surrenders her identity and submerges herself in Israelite ways; she adopts the religious and social norms of the Israelites and is universally praised for her conversion to YHWH. Jezebel steadfastly remains true to her own beliefs.



Jezebel was fanatical about her religion. The worship of Jehovah must have seemed dull and commonplace by comparison, and she was determined to change it. She was a headstrong, self-willed, domineering woman, with a moral weakening for a husband. She got him to build a house for Baal beside the palace in Samaria, as well as an "Ashtoreth," that is, an idol of the fertility goddess.

Then she brought 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Ashtoreth from Phoenicia, housed them in the palace, and fed them in royal style. Their duties would have been to promote the worship of Baal and Ashtoreth throughout the land.

# Ba'al (Lord of the Flame)



Throughout the pantheon of worshippers, titles were given to Ba'al such as; 'Lord of the Heavens,' 'Rider of the Clouds,' 'Almighty' and 'Lord of the Earth.' He was also known as 'Lord of the Covenant' (Baal-Berit) and 'Lord of Dancing' (Baal-Marqod.) it was this pantheon of gods that Jezebel and Ahab worshipped.

## Various Names of Baal in Scripture

Baal-gad ( "lord of good fortune," Josh 11:17)

Baal-hamon ( "lord of wealth," Song 8:11)

Baal-hazor ( "Baal's village," 2 Sam 13:23)

Baal-meon ( "lord of the dwelling," Num 32:38)

Baal-peor ( "lord of the opening," Deut 4:3)

Baal-tamar ( "lord of the palm tree," Judg 20:33), and others.

# THE LAW OF MOSES

“Say to the Israelites: ‘Any Israelite or any foreigner residing in Israel who sacrifices any of his children to Molek is to be put to death. The members of the community are to stone him. I myself will set my face against him and will cut him off from his people; for by sacrificing his children to Molek, he has defiled my sanctuary and profaned my holy name. If the members of the community close their eyes when that man sacrifices one of his children to Molek and if they fail to put him to death, I myself will set my face against him and his family and will cut them off from their people together with all who follow him in prostituting themselves to Molek. (Leviticus 20:2-5)







Carthage has existed for nearly 3,000 years, developing from a Phoenician colony of the 1st millennium BC into the capital of an ancient empire. The first civilization that developed within the city's sphere of influence is referred to as Punic (a form of the word "Phoenician") or Carthaginian. The city of Carthage is located on the eastern side of Lake Tunis across from the centre of Tunis. According to Greek historians it was founded by Canaanite-speaking Phoenician colonists from Tyre (in modern Lebanon) under the leadership of Elissa who was renamed (Queen Dido) in Virgil's Aeneid.

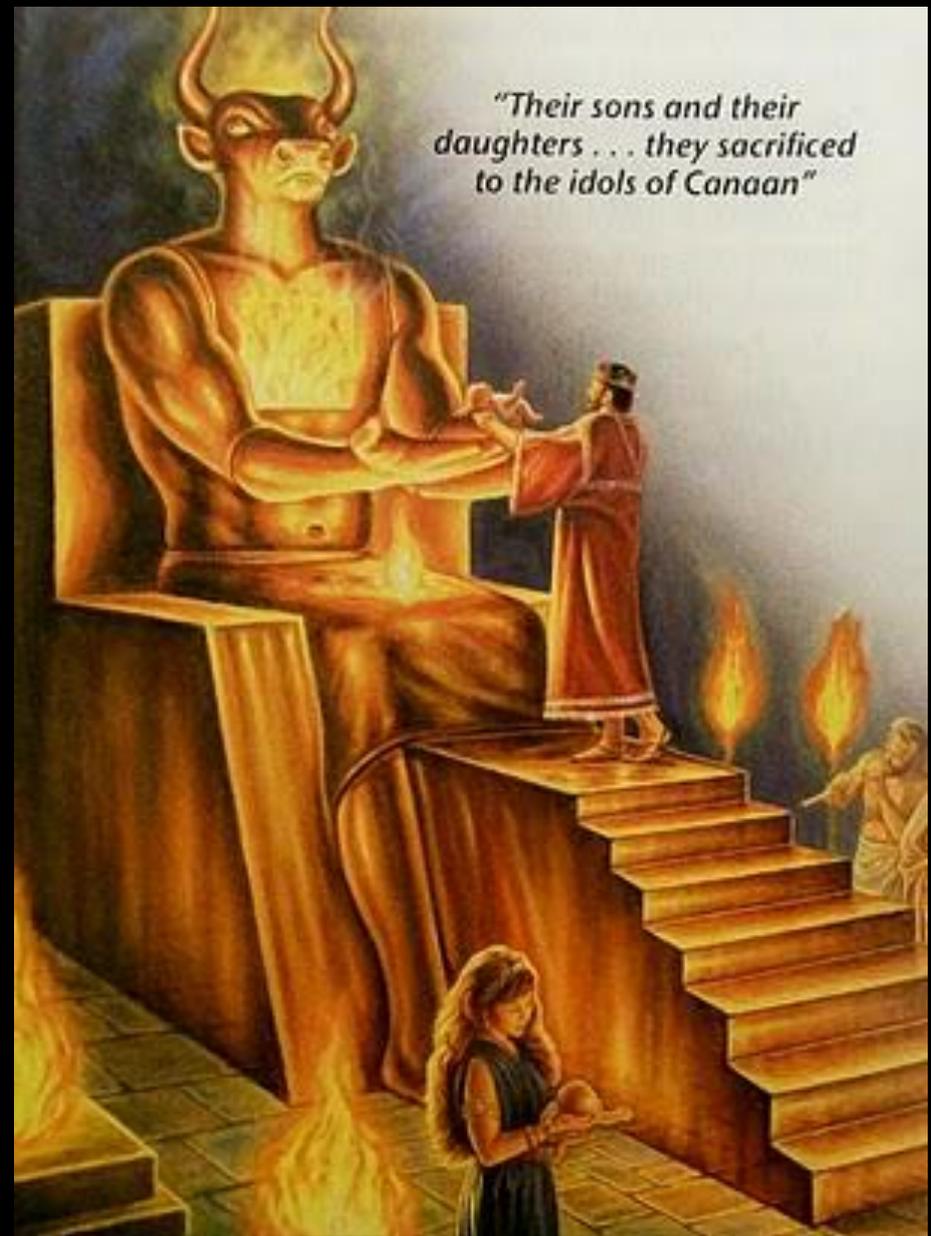
# HUMAN SACRIFICE OF BABIES TO FEED THE god of MOLECH

- In 1921 Otto Eissfeldt the honoured Theologian, while excavating in Carthage, discovered a relief showing a priest holding a child over a pit. Also uncovered was a sanctuary to the goddess Tanit comprising a cemetery with thousands of burned bodies of animals and human infants, dating from circa 800 BC up to the destruction of Carthage in 146 BC.



Philo of Alexandria said it was standard to sacrifice the best-loved child and that the child was alive and conscious when burned.

Quote: “Tophet is Moloch, which was made of brass; and they heated him from his lower parts; and his hands being stretched out, and made hot, they put the child between his hands, and it was burnt; when it vehemently cried out; but the priests beat a drum, that the father might not hear the voice of his son, and his heart might not be moved.” – Rashi (12th century Rabbi; commentary on Jeremiah 7:31)



Ben Ammi - became the father of the sons of Ammon. 1 Kings 11:7 calls Molech "the detestable idol of the Ammonites." The name Molech in Hebrew means: "to ascend the throne" or, in other words, to usurp YHWH's authority. Leviticus 20:2 tells us that Molech worship involved the sacrifice of one's offspring. While the Ammonites primarily sacrificed post-natal children, it is no coincidence that it is the Ammonites that YHWH condemns in the book of Amos for a particular form of blood-thirstiness:

"For three transgressions of the sons of Ammon, and for four, will I not revoke its punishment, because they have ripped open the pregnant women of Gilead in order to enlarge their borders" (Amos 1:13).

Here the Bible implies what modern archaeologists and anthropologists have recently discovered: that Molech and Baal represent the same pagan god. The wife of Baal is Asherah and the wife of Molech is Ashteroth. Asherah and Ashteroth represent the same fertility goddess. This demon was known to the Greeks as Aphrodite; to the Egyptians as Isis; and to the Phoenicians as Tanet. By Eric Holmberg

Archaeologists have established that the primary deity that their children were sacrificed to was the goddess Tanet, the name being a regional representation of the more universal Ashteroth. The typical rationalist would attribute these rites to superstition and would suggest that science and intellectual advancement would cause this type of unfortunate behavior to lessen and finally cease. But archaeologists have discovered that over Carthage's history, the incident of child sacrifice, even in the face of considerable intellectual advances, actually increased until it suddenly stopped. And how did it stop? When God judged Carthage. Roman armies invaded and suddenly destroyed the entire civilization. The stark ruins of Carthage are a testimony that God is not mocked. We have to ask ourselves: How far are we from a judgment for our own abortion holocaust? By Eric Holmberg.

The ancient city of Carthage was the capital of the Phoenician empire. Their civilization was advanced culturally and highly educated. But recent archaeological expeditions have revealed its most notable feature - the high incidence of child sacrifice. 20,000 urns filled with ashes of children burned to death in the name of Canaanite/Phoenician religion were found at Carthage in sacrifice burial area known as Tophet (lit. "place of burning"). The presence of charred animal bones in some of the urns, sometimes alone, sometimes mixed indiscriminately with the burned remains of children, suggests Tophet was not a typical cemetery as some have more recently tried to maintain. Some of the stelae bear images of altars with the heads of animal victims. Each of the monuments pictured was placed above such an urn that contained the charred remains of a child or animal remains, or both.



## THE CEMETARY AT CARTHAGE



The stele right depicts a small child in the arms of a Canaanite priest

# Remains of 20,000 infants sacrificed in Carthage

(Carthaginians were Canaanites, variously known as Phoenicians, Sea Peoples, Amorites, and other groups; Canaanites who colonized Palestine during the time of Joshua and Judges are known as the Philistines).

Similar Tophet grounds are found scattered throughout the ancient Near East; children were also buried alive in urns (forensic evidence indicates struggle and suffocation) which were mortared into city walls as human sacrifices in return for protection of cities by Canaanite gods Baal, Tanit, Molech, and others, and also in foundations of houses in return for protection of a household.

As barbaric as this sounds, we must remember that this is precisely what we do through abortion. With one obvious exception - today we don't honor or bury the children we kill.



# BAAL AND THE god OF MOLEACH IS STILL WORSHIPPED TODAY

- In more recent times, the Bohemian Grove 'Cremation of Care' ceremony is a replica of those ancient fire rituals, dedicated once again to Moloch, this time in the guise of a gigantic owl. Hundreds of top leaders and moguls from the coterie of business, politics, law, banking, finance and entertainment watch on as 'Care' in the form of a child effigy is burnt, accompanied with gurgling screams and cheering from the robed villains.





# BOHEMIAN GROVE

US presidents give 80-million abortions to Molech

South (Judah)

North (Israel)

Jehoshaphat

Father

Son

Jehoram

Parents

Son

Ahaziah

Father

Son

Joash (in hiding)

Ahab Ⓞ Jezebel

Parents

Son

Ahaziah

Brother

Brother

Jehoram

Son

Daughter

Athaliah

Sister

Nephew

Uncle

Sister

Jehoshabeath

Brother

**THE STORY OF  
YAHWEH AND ELIYAHU  
VS  
AHAB AND JEZEBEL**

## THE KING OF ISRAEL BECOMES A TRAITOR TO YAHWEH, AND LEADS ALL HIS PEOPLE ASTRAY

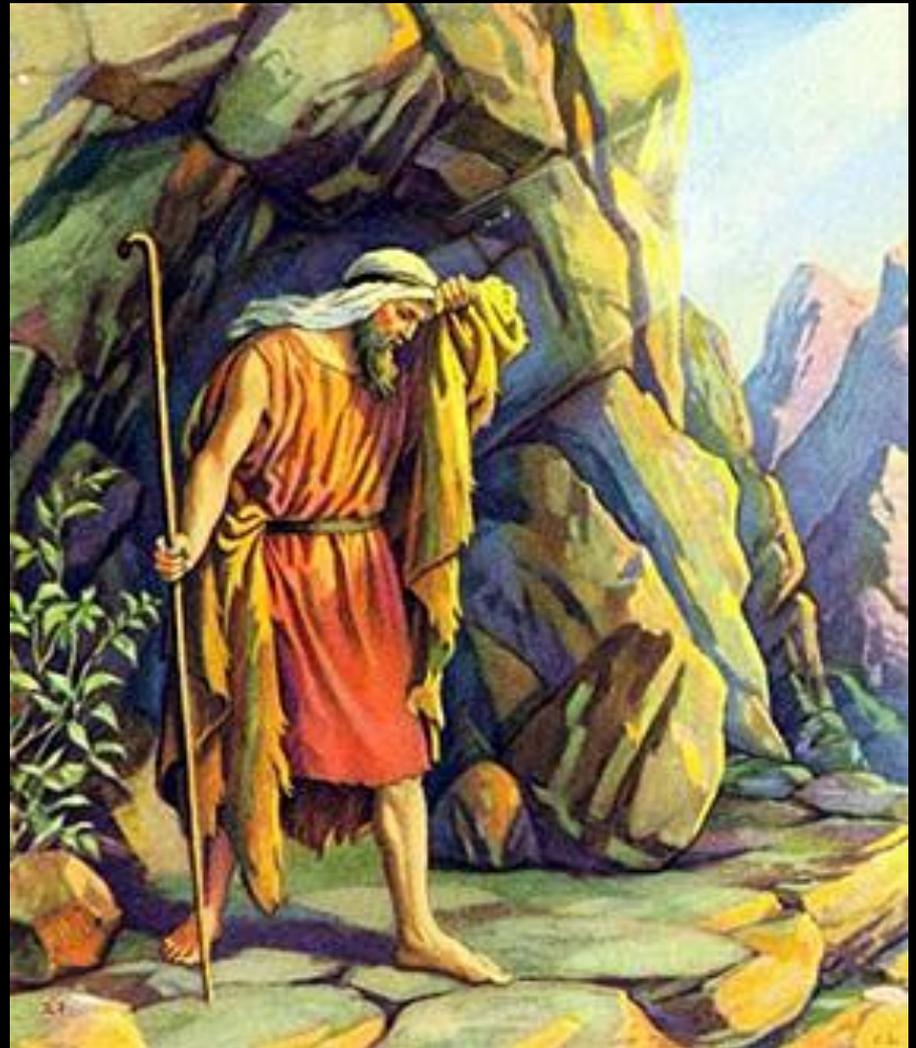
1 Kings 16:31 "And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he [Ahab] took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him."

1 Kings 16:33 "And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the G-D of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him."



# ELIJAHU SENT TO DELIVER A MESSAGE FROM THE ALMIGHTY

Elijah appears on the scene in Israel following the division of the kingdom and when things are out of control in Israel. King Ahab and his wife, Jezebel, are leading Israel, the Northern Kingdom, further away from YHWH to the idols of the Baal and Asherah gods. The wickedness of Israel breaks YHWH's heart and Elijah the Prophet is sent to Ahab to deliver some powerful messages from the ALMIGHTY.



# Elijah Announces a Great Drought

At a time when the nation had fallen into the deception of believing that “Baal is G-D”, YHWH raises up a man to be His authoritative statement: ELIJAHU- “Eli yah!”-(literally “G-d is (Yahweh)”. This is the theme of Eliyahu’s ministry.

The nation had been led to believe that Baal was in charge of fertility and the rainfall in particular. Eliyahu would show that “G-D is YAHWEH”. He is G-d over all creation.

17 Now Eliyahu the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Almighty, the G-d of Israel lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.”

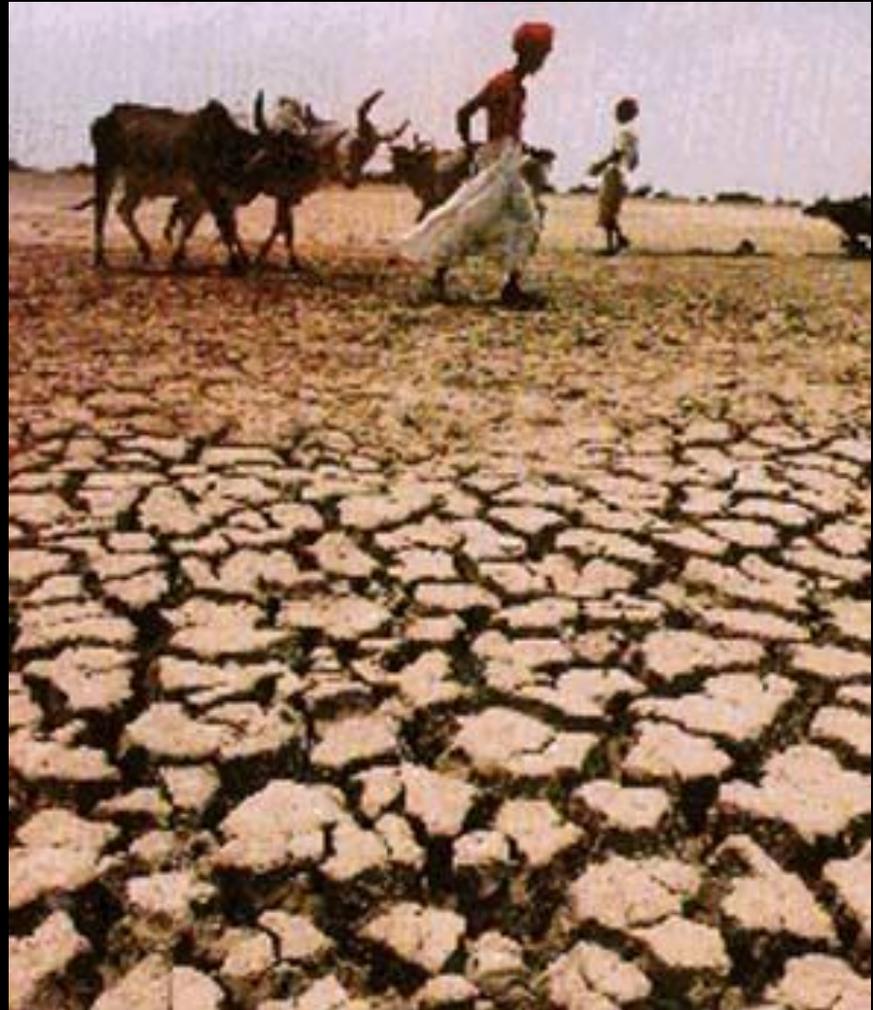


# THE DROUGHT CAUSED A MASSIVE FAMINE

Jezebel's domination of her husband was directly responsible for the whole of Israel falling into the sin of idolatry. The whole nation now suffered a famine caused by the lack of rain; crops and livestock died.

This was YAHWEH's judgement on them 1 Kings 17.

This was particularly humiliating for Jezebel since Baal was supposed to be the god of weather.



## Exodus 34:13 Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and cut down their Asherah poles.

The Hebrew word for Asherah is translated as "groves" in the King James Version and "poles" in the New Revised Standard Version. There are actually a total of forty references to Asherah in the Hebrew Bible. Most of them are found in the book of Deuteronomy, always with a negative connotation. Here are a few prime examples:

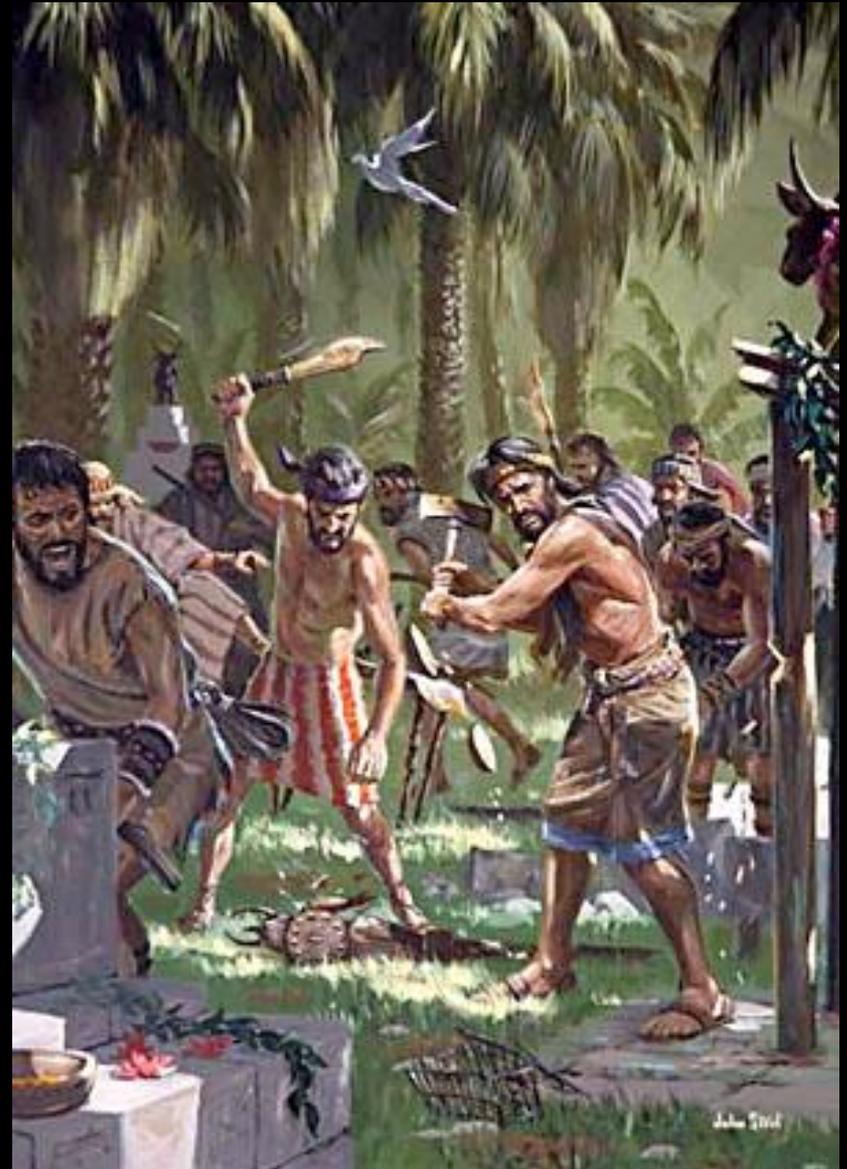
You must break down their pagan altars and shatter their sacred pillars. Cut down their Asherah poles and burn their idols (Deuteronomy 7:5, NLT).



Break down their altars and smash their sacred pillars. Burn their Asherah poles and cut down their carved idols. Erase the names of their gods from those places! (Deuteronomy 12:3, NLT)

You must never set up an Asherah pole beside the altar of YHWH your G-d! (Deuteronomy 16:21, NLT).

Deut 7:26:" Do not bring a detestable thing into your house or YOU, like IT, will be set apart for destruction. Utterly abhor and detest it, for it is set apart for destruction."



Yahweh distinctly warned Israel to not erect an Asherah next to His altar, nor bring a "detestable thing" into your house. Even though YOU may not remember what it represented long ago, Yahweh hasn't forgotten at all. He does not change.

As some have said, the Asherah is a deal-breaker with Yahweh - He won't stand for it. He dispersed the northern tribes of Israel into the nations, and they have lived as Pagans for 2700+ years. They left Yahweh's Covenant, but they have held fast to the Asherim (plural of Asherah).



# ELIJAH BEING FED BY RAVENS

2 Then the word of YHWH came to Eliyahu: 3 “Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. 4 You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there.”

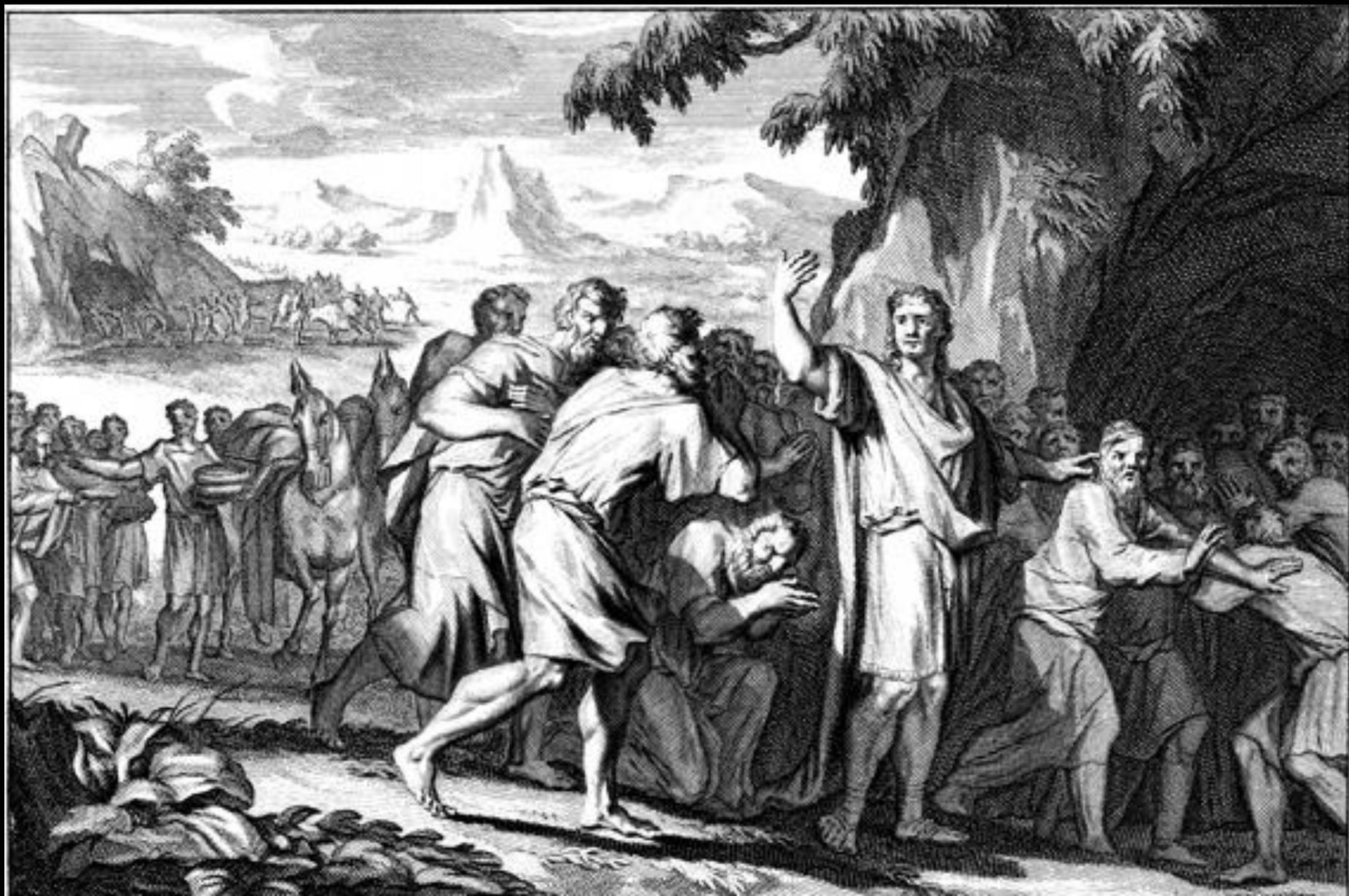
5 So he did what ADONAI had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. 6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

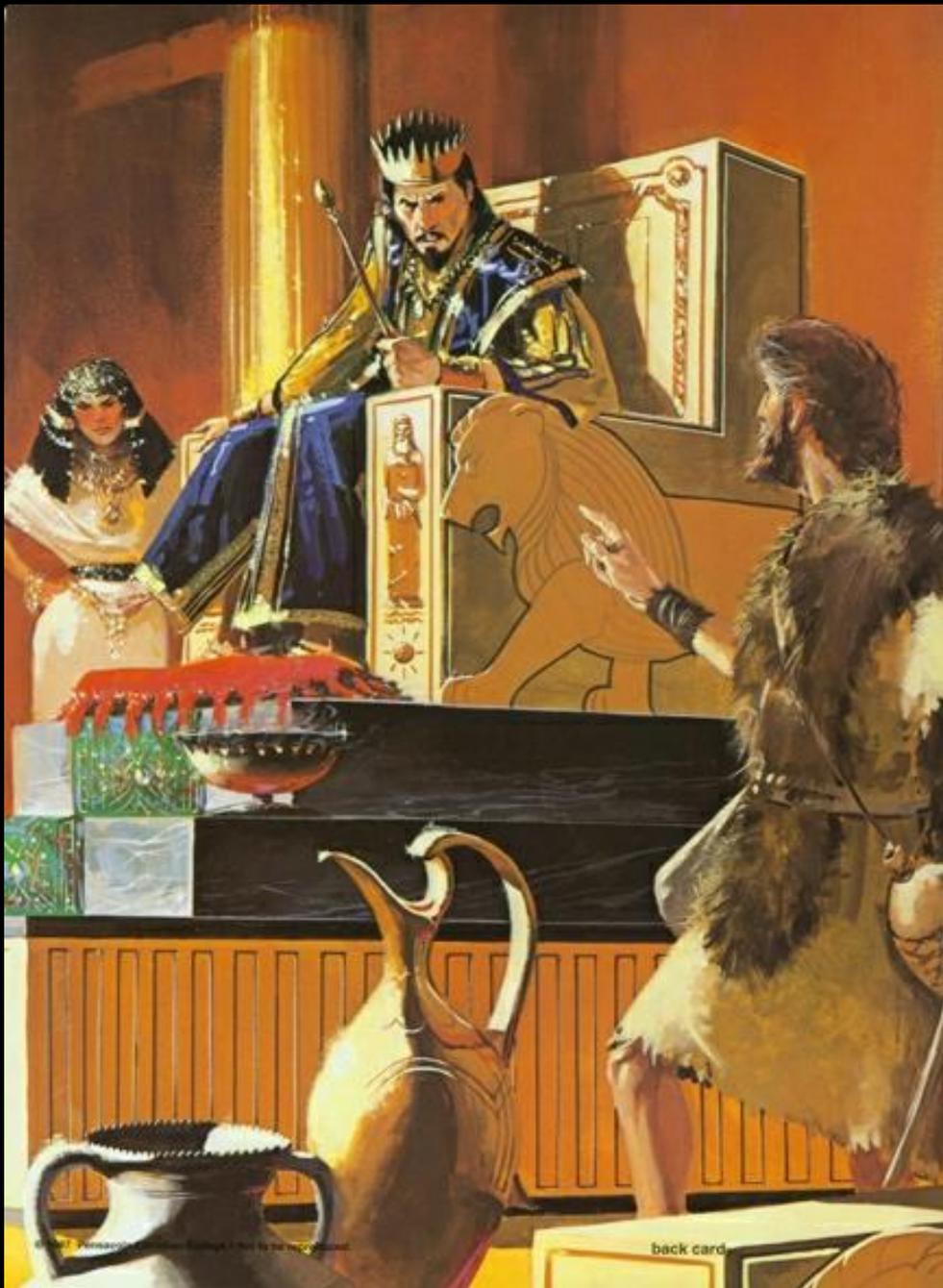


# Eliyahu and Obadiah

18 After a long time, in the third year, the word YHWH came to Eliyahu “Go and present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the land.” So Eliyahu went to present himself to Ahab. Now the famine was severe in Samaria, and Ahab had summoned Obadiah, his palace administrator. (Obadiah was a devout believer in YHWH. While Jezebel was killing off YHWH’s prophets, Obadiah had taken a hundred prophets and hidden them in two caves, fifty in each, and had supplied them with food and water.) 5 Ahab had said to Obadiah, “Go through the land to all the springs and valleys. Maybe we can find some grass to keep the horses and mules alive so we will not have to kill any of our animals.” So they divided the land they were to cover, Ahab going in one direction and Obadiah in another. As Obadiah was walking along, Eliyahu met him. Obadiah recognized him, bowed down to the ground, and said, “Is it really you, my lord Eliyahu?” “Yes,” he replied. “Go tell your master, ‘Eliyahu is here.’”

# OBIDIAH HIDING THE PROPHETS OF YHWH IN A CAVE





16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Eliyahu. 17 When he saw Eliyahu, he said to him, "Is that you, you troubler of Israel?"

18 "I have not made trouble for Israel," Eliyahu replied. "But you and your father's family have. You have abandoned the Yahweh's commands and have followed the Baal's. 19 Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah.

# The Contest at Mount Carmel

20 So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. 21 Eliyahu went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the YAHWEH IS GOD, follow him; but if Baal is god, follow him.

But the people said nothing.

22 Then Eliyahu said to them, “I am the only one of YHWH’s prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. 23 Get two bulls for us. Let Baal’s prophets choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. 24 Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name YAHWEH ELOHIM. The god who answers by fire —he is G-d.”

Then all the people said, “What you say is good.”

25 Eliyahu said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire.” 26 So they took the bull given them and prepared it.

Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. “Baal, answer us!” they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made.





# **PROPHETS OF BAAL AND ASTORETH** **SLASHING THEMSELVES**

- 27 At noon Eliyahu began to taunt them. “Shout louder!” he said. “Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened.” So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. 29 Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention.



1Ki 18:28: "And they cried aloud, and cut themselves, according to their ruling, with knives and spears, until the blood gushed out on them. **TODAY PEOPLE STILL PRACTISE THIS.** "Not all Muslims practice this; however it seems to echo the type of behavior seen in the priests of Baal / Asherah. They do this on the "holiest day" of "Ashura". This word seems very close to the word "Asherah", however it is really derived from the Hebrew and Arabic word for "tenth", as the grandson of Muhammad was slain on the tenth day of the month. The "mourning" is strangely similar to the "weeping for Tammuz", and mimics closely the "cutting" performed by the pagan priests when Eliyahu confronted the Baal and Asherah worship on Mt. Karmel.



Shiite Tradition- The Shiites consist of about 15% of all Muslims. Shiite Islam started when people followed Ali (brother in law to Muhammad). These people have a custom of cutting and hitting themselves on the "Tatbir" ritual. Many Shiites do this: slice their scalps with silver blades on this day.



One of the Shiite Traditions is that they cut children. They do that because they think if they do that their child will be blessed by Imam Hussein. Besides cutting the children they cut the children's head. To them that shows a Shiite Tradition because that is something that they have to do.



# THE PRACTISE OF PEOPLE CUTTING THEMSELVES TODAY

Although the act of people cutting themselves has been discussed over the last few years as if it were a recent fad, self-mutilation has been around for centuries. The Bible mentions it as being a ritual in pagan societies. It is first mentioned in Leviticus. Throughout this book, YHWH through Moses gives a whole list of practices that he commands the Israelites not to do because he wanted them to be a holy nation. In the midst of the commands, YHWH would sometimes pause to tell them why he gave them these commandments:

“And you shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them.” Leviticus 20:23. Among the things God abhorred was the practice of cutting—“They shall not ... make any cuttings in their flesh.” Leviticus 21:5

“Ye are the children of YAHWEH your G-d: ye shall not cut yourselves.”  
Deuteronomy 14:1

It was the common practice to self-mutilate when worshipping the false god Baal. This scripture also reminds me of the self-flagellation that some Catholics and Muslims do to appease their false gods. The other instance of self-mutilation is mentioned in the New Testament – “And when he YAHSHUA was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, ...And always, night and day, he [Legion] was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.” Mark 5:2, 5 In this case, cutting was a ritual of a man possessed by devils. Taking into account what Legion did and that “the things which the Gentiles [pagans] sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils,” as it says in 1 Corinthians 10:20, we can conclude that the act of cutting is a ritual of those who are being influenced (willingly or unwillingly) by evil spirits.





First Corinthians 6:19 tells us how important our bodies are to the YAHWEH. We no longer belong to ourselves, but instead we belong to Yahshua, who purchased us at a high price. We should not abuse the greatest gift we have been given.



The Bible doesn't talk about self-mutilation in terms of depression or anxiety, but it is very important that whoever is making a practice of this seeks immediate psychological (and hopefully Christian) counselling.

“Contrary to popular myth, people who harm themselves are not trying to commit suicide. They use self-harm as a way of coping with difficult emotions. Instead of expressing their feelings openly, they take them out on their bodies by cutting or burning themselves, picking their skin, taking an overdose, bruising themselves or pulling their hair out. Whether realized or not they are under the control of a demonic spirit and can be healed by the power and blood of Yahshua.



# PLAY THIS VIDEO

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# ELIYAHU BUILT AN ALTAR TO YAHWEH

- 30 Then Eliyahu said to all the people, “Come here to me.” They came to him, and he repaired the altar of YHWH, which had been torn down. 31 Eliyahu took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of Yahweh had come, saying, “Your name shall be Israel.” 32 With the stones he built an altar in the name of YAHWEH, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. 33 He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, “Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood.”
- 34 “Do it again,” he said, and they did it again

**31: With the stones Eliyah built an altar in the name of Yahweh**



“Do it a third time,” he ordered, and they did it the third time. The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench.

36 At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Eliyahu stepped forward and prayed: “Yahweh, the G-d of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are G-D in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. 37 Answer me, YAHWEH, answer me, so these people will know that you, YAHWEH ELOHIM are G-D, and that you are turning their hearts back again.”

38 Then the fire of YHWH fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

39 When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “YAHWEH—he is G-D! YAHWEH ELOHIM—he is G-D!”

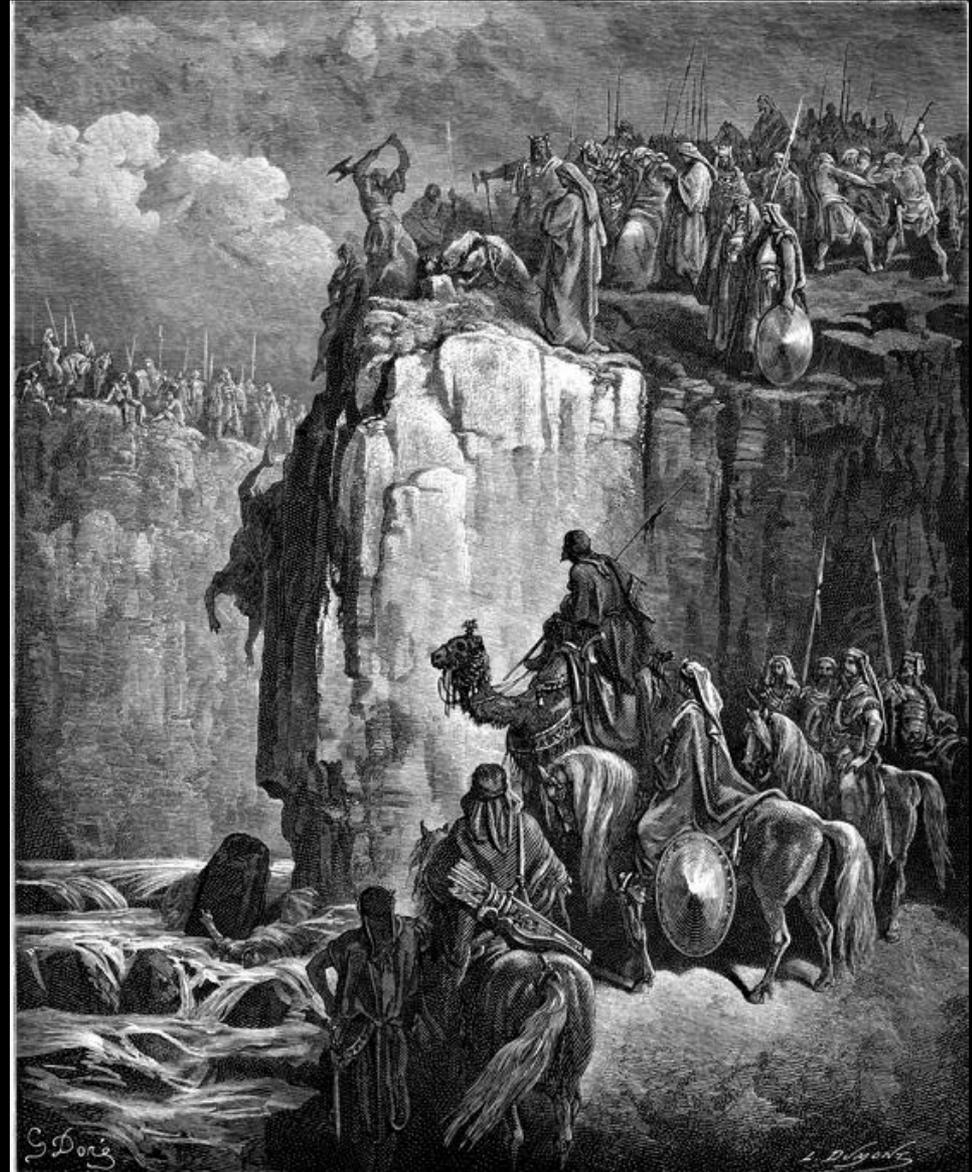




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# SLAUGHTER OF BAAL'S PROPHET'S

- 40 Then Eliyahu commanded them, “Seize the prophets of Baal. Don’t let anyone get away!” They seized them, and Eliyahu had them brought down to the Kishon Valley and slaughtered there.
- 41 And Eliyahu said to Ahab, “Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain.” 42 So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but Eliyahu climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees.





# ELIJAHU PRAY'S FOR RAIN SEVEN TIMES

43 “Go and look toward the sea,” he told his servant. And he went up and looked. “There is nothing there,” he said. Seven times Eliyahu said, “Go back.”

44 The seventh time the servant reported, “A cloud as small as a man’s hand is rising from the sea.”

So Eliyahu said, “Go and tell Ahab, ‘Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.’” Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain started falling and Ahab rode off to Jezreel.

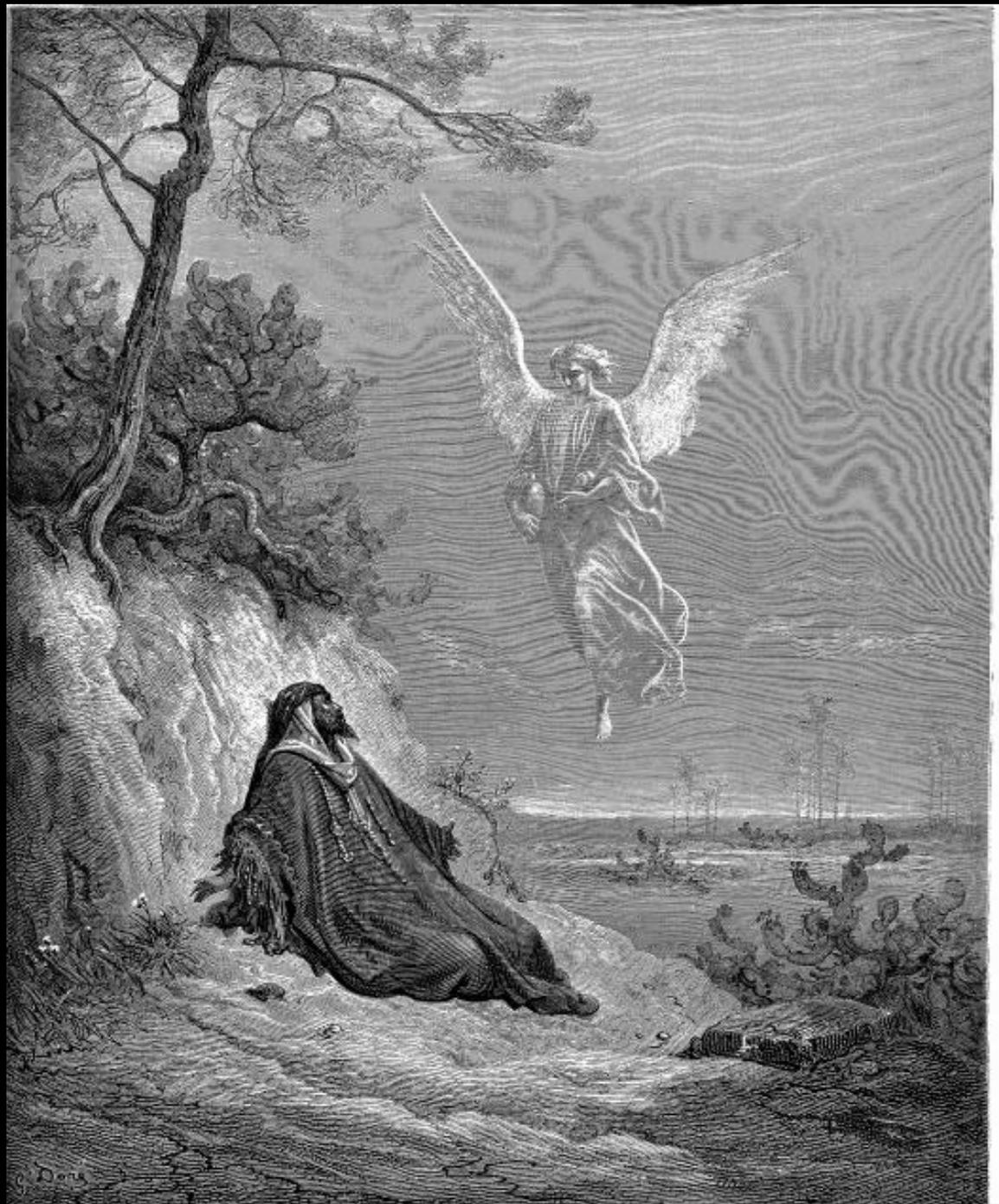
46 The power of Yahweh came on Eliyahu and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he ran ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel.

1 Kings 19:1 Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Eliyahu had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 2 So Jezebel sent a messenger to Eliyahu 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.”



- 1Kings 19:3 Eliyahu was afraid 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, YAHWEH," 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.” 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.



# AN ANGEL FEED'S ELIJAHU

The angel of the MOST HIGH came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.”

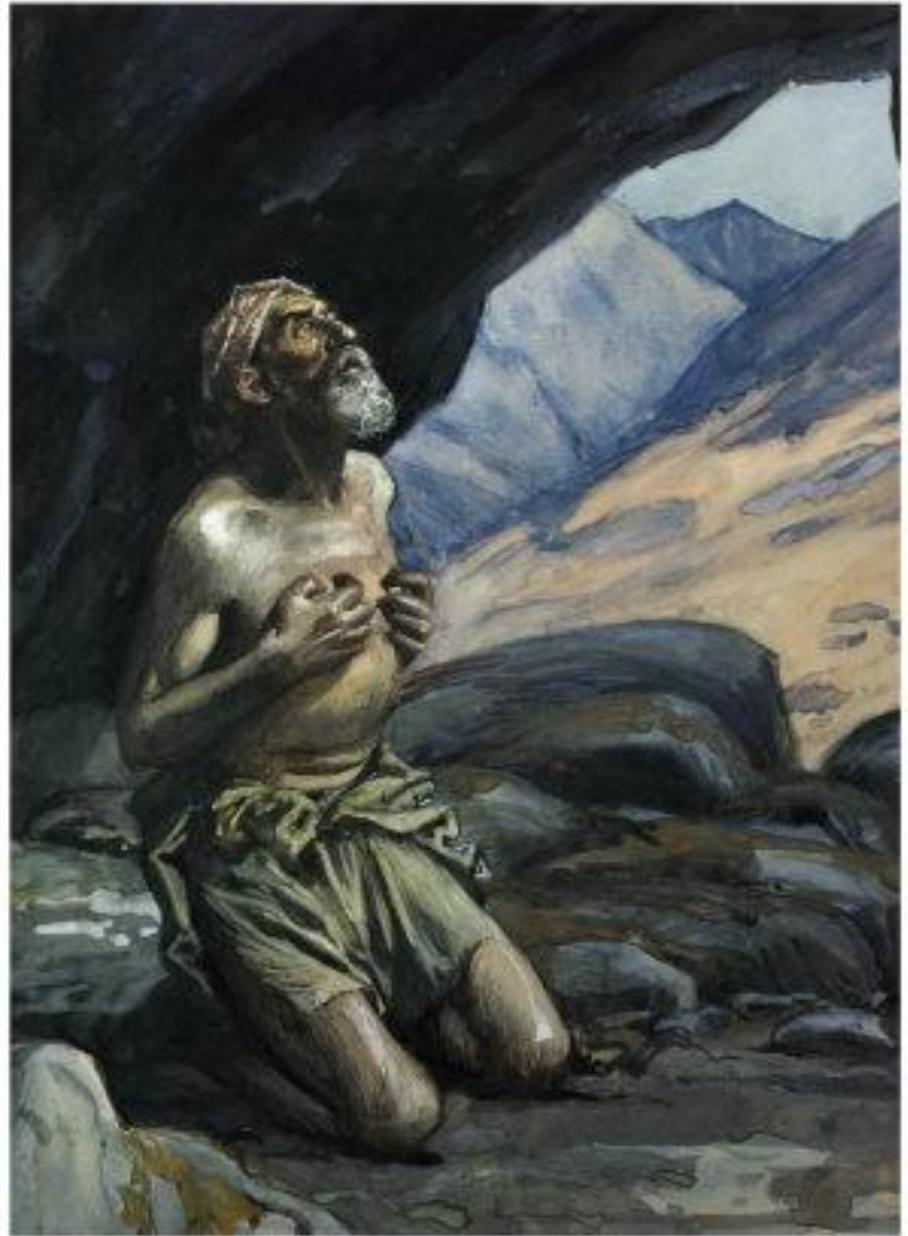
So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he travelled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of YHWH. There he went into a cave and spent the night.





And the word of YHWH came to him: “What are you doing here, Eliyahu?”

He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Yahweh 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.”



# YAHWEH APPEARS TO ELIJAHU

- 11 Then YHWH said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of Adonai, for Adonai is about to pass by.”
- Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before YHWH, but HE was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but YHWH was not in the earthquake. 12 After the earthquake came a fire, but YHWH was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. 13 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, Eliyahu?”

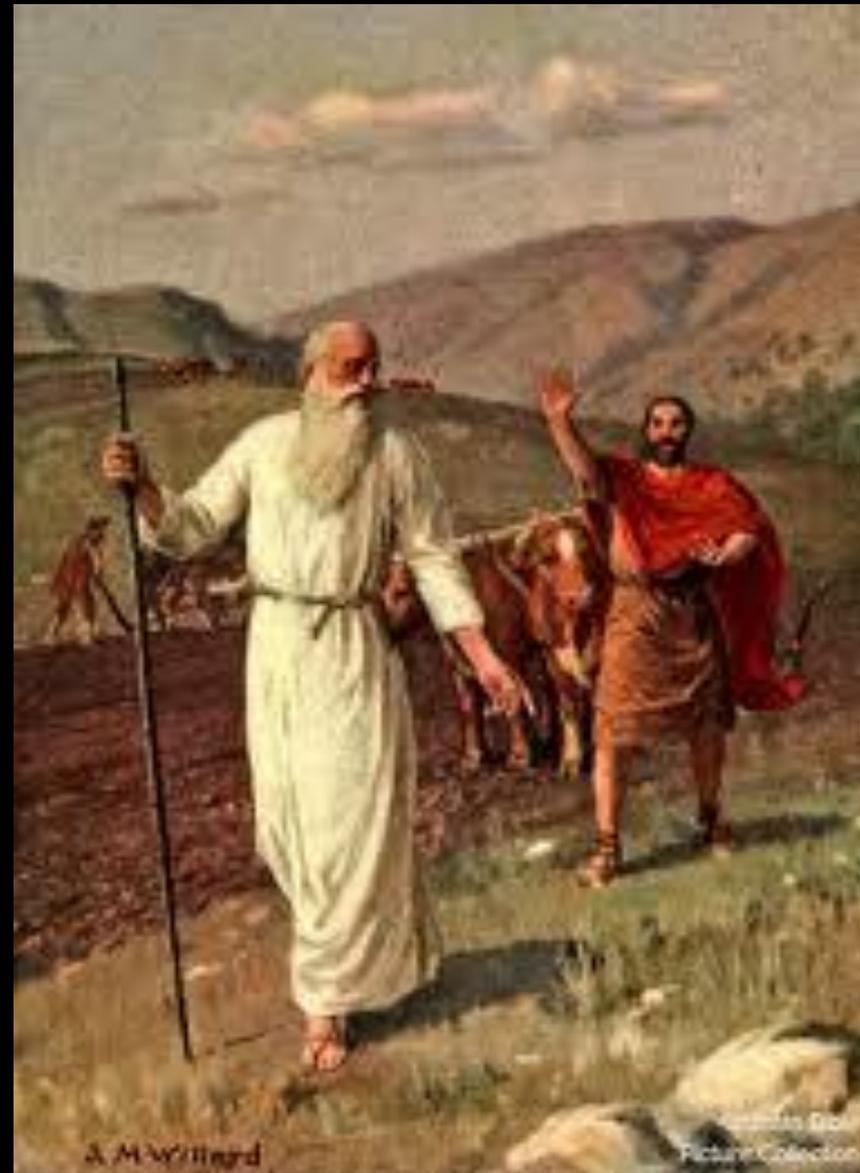
He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

Then YHWH 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. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu.

Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.”

Eliyahu's time for retirement was nearing (again, see *Where Did Eliyahu Go?*), so a new prophet, Elisha, was chosen to prepare for the succession.

"So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing, with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Eliyahu passed by him and cast his mantle upon him. And he left the oxen, and ran after Eliyahu, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you."



- And he said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?"
- And he returned from following him, and took the yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Eliyahu, and ministered to him." (1 Kings 19:19-21 RSV)

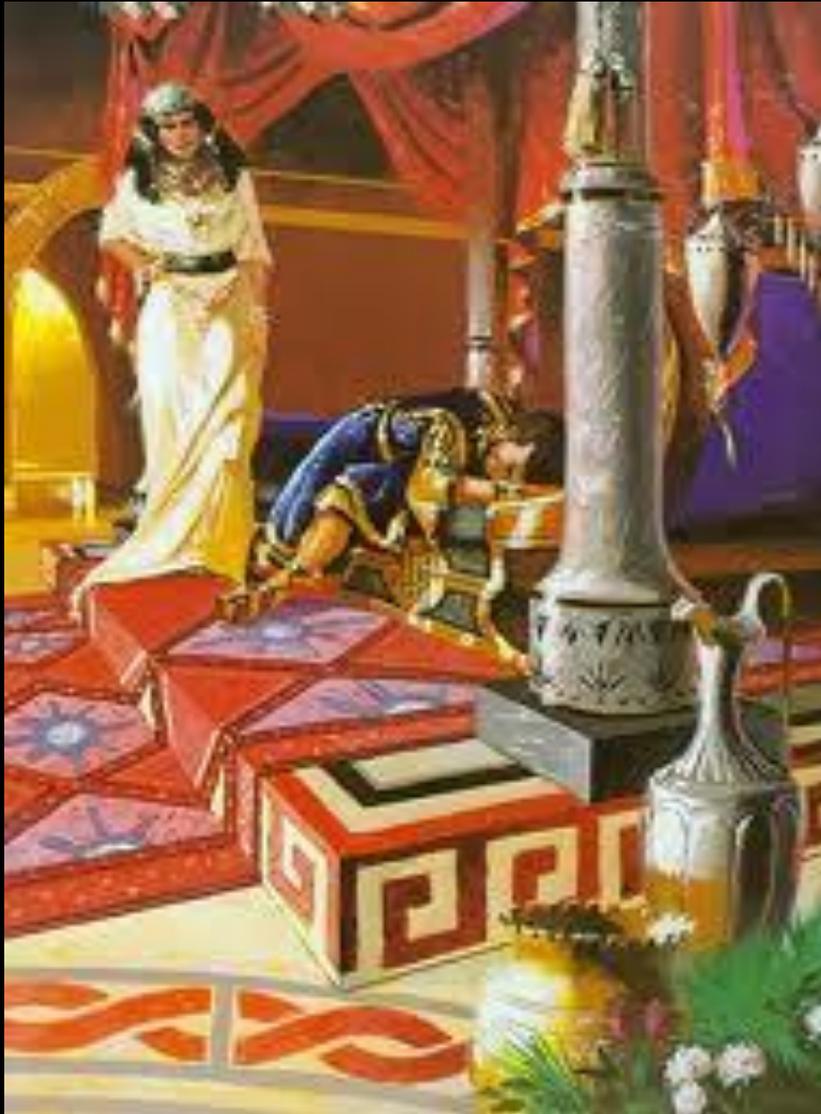
# Naboth's Vineyard - 1 Kings 21

1 Kings 21 Some time later there was an incident involving a vineyard belonging to Naboth the Jezreelite. The vineyard was in Jezreel, close to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. 2 Ahab said to Naboth, "Let me have your vineyard to use for a vegetable garden, since it is close to my palace. In exchange I will give you a better vineyard or, if you prefer, I will pay you whatever it is worth."

3 But Naboth replied, "The Lord forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my ancestors."



# AHAB AND JEZEBEL



So Ahab went home, sullen and angry because Naboth the Jezreelite had said, “I will not give you the inheritance of my ancestors.” He lay on his bed sulking and refused to eat. His wife Jezebel came in and asked him, “Why are you so sullen? Why won’t you eat?”

6 He answered her, “Because I said to Naboth the Jezreelite, ‘Sell me your vineyard; or if you prefer, I will give you another vineyard in its place.’ But he said, ‘I will not give you my vineyard.’”

7 Jezebel his wife said, “Is this how you act as king over Israel? Get up and eat! Cheer up. I’ll get you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.”

8 So she wrote letters in Ahab’s name, placed his seal on them, and sent them to the elders and nobles who lived in Naboth’s city with him.

9 In those letters she wrote:

“Proclaim a day of fasting and seat Naboth in a prominent place among the people. 10 But seat two scoundrels opposite him and have them bring charges that he has cursed both God and the king. Then take him out and stone him to death.”

11 So the elders and nobles who lived in Naboth’s city did as Jezebel directed in the letters she had written to them. 12 They proclaimed a fast and seated Naboth in a prominent place among the people. 13 Then two scoundrels came and sat opposite him and brought charges against Naboth before the people, saying, “Naboth has cursed both YHWH and the king.” So they took him outside the city and stoned him to death. 14 Then they sent word to Jezebel: “Naboth has been stoned to death.”

As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned to death, she said to Ahab, “Get up and take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite that he refused to sell you. He is no longer alive, but dead.” 16 When Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, he got up and went down to take possession of Naboth’s vineyard.

1 Kings 21:17 Then the word of YHWH came to Eliyahu the Tishbite: 18 “Go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who rules in Samaria. He is now in Naboth’s vineyard, where he has gone to take possession of it. 19 Say to him, ‘This is what YHWH says: Have you not murdered a man and seized his property?’ Then say to him, ‘This is what YHWH says: In the place where dogs licked up Naboth’s blood, dogs will lick up your blood—yes, yours!’”



20 Ahab said to Eliyahu, “So you have found me, my enemy!”

“I have found you,” he answered, “because you have sold yourself to do evil in the eyes of the YHWH. 21 He says, ‘I am going to bring disaster on you. I will wipe out your descendants and cut off from Ahab every last male in Israel—slave or free.[a] 22 I will make your house like that of Jeroboam son of Nebat and that of Baasha son of Ahijah, because you have aroused my anger and have caused Israel to sin.’

23 “And also concerning Jezebel Yahweh says: ‘Dogs will devour Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.’

24 “Dogs will eat those belonging to Ahab who die in the city, and the birds will feed on those who die in the country.”

(There was never anyone like Ahab, who sold himself to do evil in the eyes of Yahweh, urged on by Jezebel his wife. 26 He behaved in the vilest manner by going after idols, like the Amorites YHWH drove out before Israel.)

27 When Ahab heard these words, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and fasted. He lay in sackcloth and went around meekly.

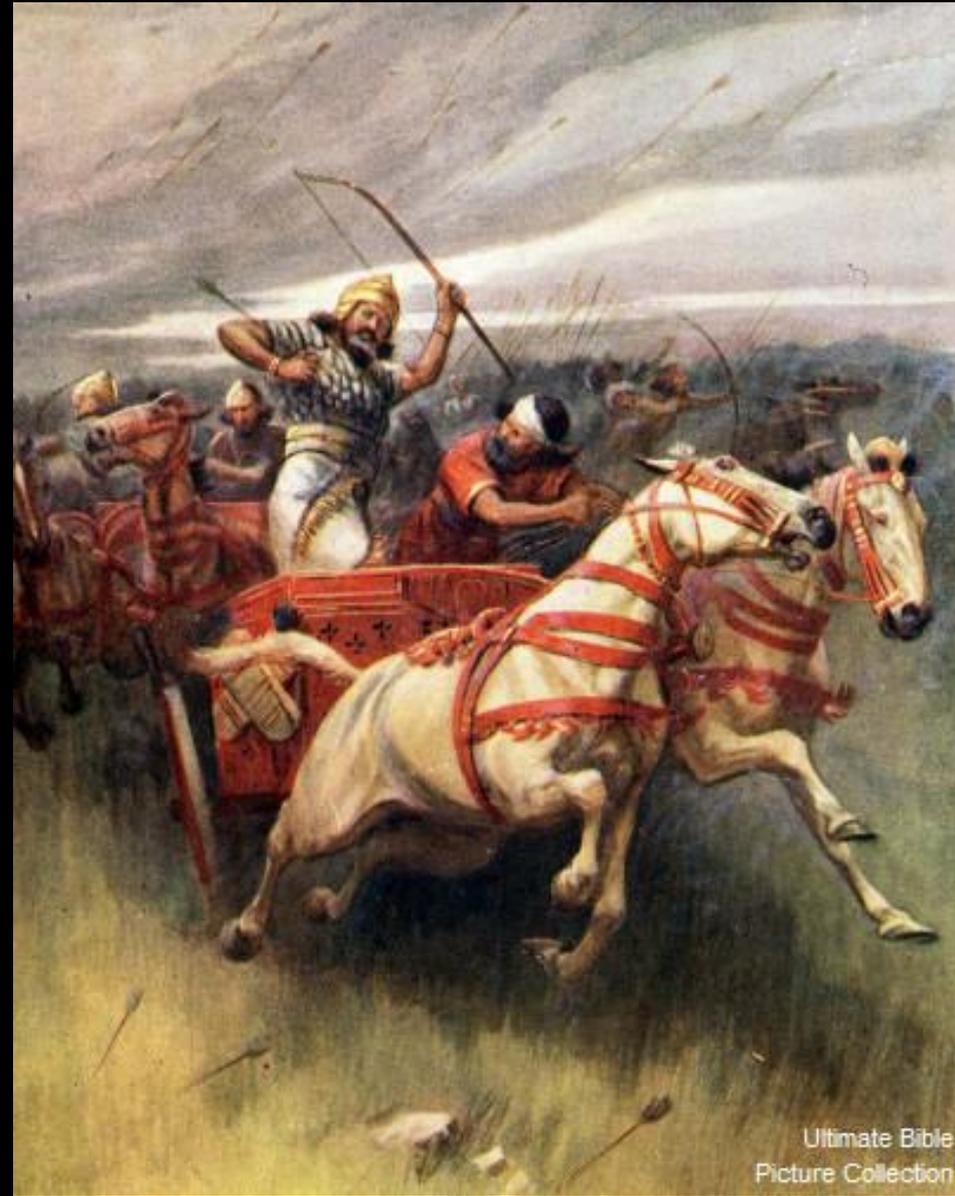
28 Then the word of Yahweh came to Eliyahu the Tishbite: 29 “Have you noticed how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has humbled himself, I will not bring this disaster in his day, but I will bring it on his house in the days of his son.”



- Ahab was warned by the prophet Micaiah that he would die in the battle. But Ahab went to battle anyway, disguised as a soldier, and was killed by a stray arrow. When the blood on his chariot was washed off at a pool in Samaria, the dogs licked up his blood as Eliyahu said. Jezebel, and eventually all of Ahab's male heirs died as the prophet said.
- The Bible lists Ahab as the most evil of all the kings before him (1 Kings 16:30). Ahab's son Ahaziah became the new king.
- Archaeological note: Carved ivory plaques were found at the site of Ahab's palace in Samaria. Ahab was known to live in a ivory palace (1 Kings 22:39).

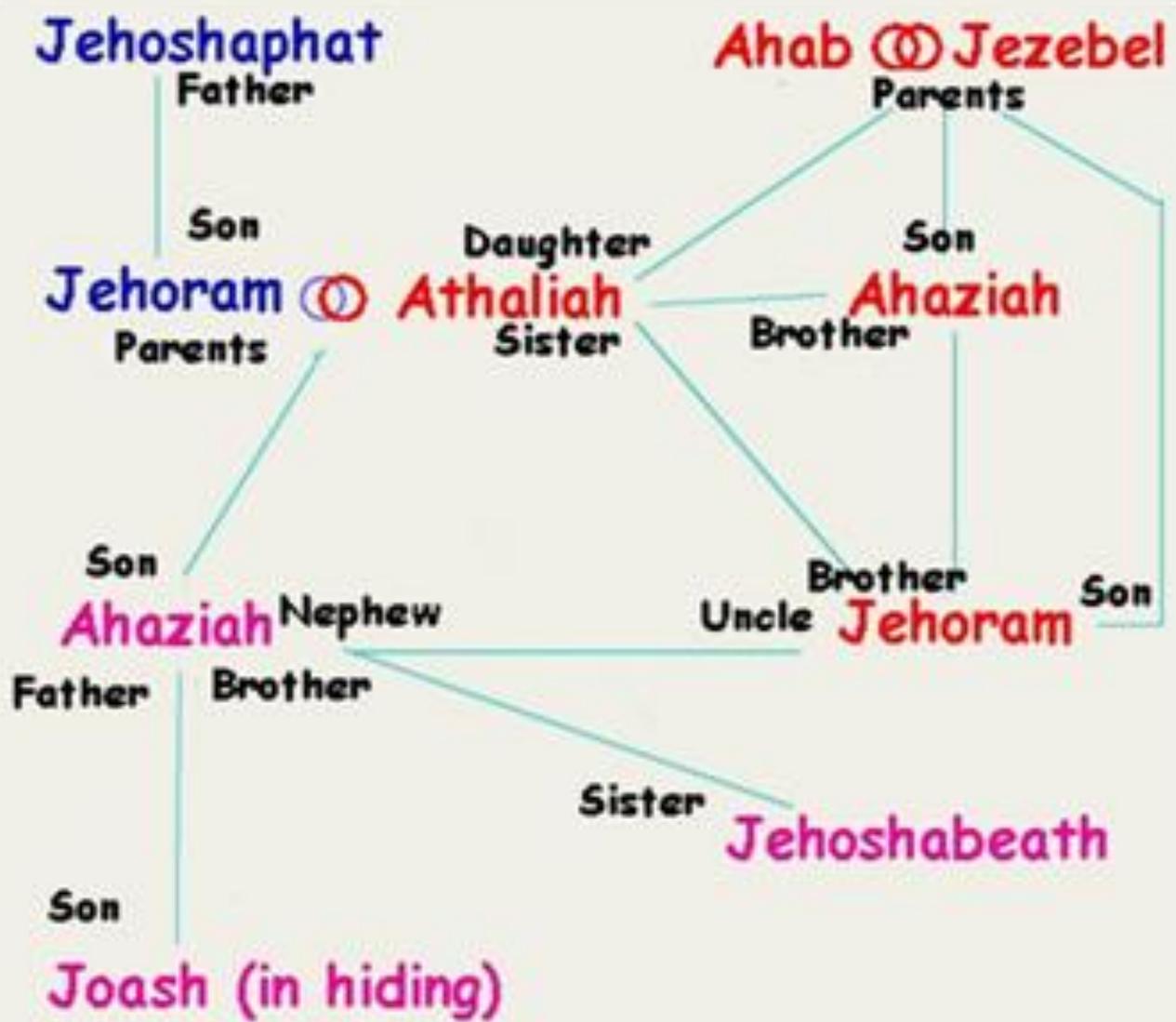
37 So King Ahab died of a fatal wound by a stray bow and was brought to Samaria, and they buried him there. 38 They washed the chariot at a pool in Samaria (where the prostitutes bathed), and the dogs licked up his blood, as the word of the Lord had declared.

39 As for the other events of Ahab's reign, including all he did, the palace he built and adorned with ivory, and the cities he fortified, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Israel? 40 Ahab rested with his ancestors. And Ahaziah his son succeeded him as king.



South (Judah)

North (Israel)



# Jezebel's Death

Eliyahu's prophecy at the end of the vineyard story (above) comes true when Ahab dies in Samaria and his son, Ahaziah, dies within two years of ascending the throne. He is killed by Jehu, who emerges as another contender for the throne when the prophet Elisha declares him King. Here again Jezebel's influence becomes apparent. Though Jehu has killed the king, he has to kill Jezebel in order to assume power.

According to 2 Kings 9:30-34, Jezebel and Jehu meet soon after the death of her son Ahaziah. When she learns of his demise, she puts on make-up, does her hair, and looks out a palace window only to see Jehu enter the city. She calls to him and he responds by asking her servants if they are on his side. "Who is on my side? Who?" he asks, "Thrown her down!"



# YHWH'S PROPHECY FOR THE DEATHS OF JEZEBEL AND AHAB IS FULFILLED EXACTLY

Kings 9:32). Jezebel's eunuchs then betray her by throwing her out the window. She dies when she hits the street and is trampled by horses.

After taking a break to eat and drink, Jehu commands that she be buried "for she was a king's daughter" (2 Kings 9:34), but by the time his men go to bury her dogs have eaten all but her skull, feet and hands.



# THE EVIL SEEDLINE CONTINUES

Yet *their influence lived on* in their children. And this is often the saddest side effect of lives like Ahab's and Jezebel's. Two sons of Ahab and Jezebel later ruled in Israel. The first was Ahaziah. Of him God says, "And he did evil in the sight of Yahweh and walked in the way of his father and in the way of his mother and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin. So he served Baal and worshiped him and provoked the G-D of Israel to anger according to all that his father had done" ([1 Kgs. 22:52, 53](#)).

The second son to reign was Jehoram. As Jehu rode to execute vengeance on the house of Ahab, Jehoram cried, "Is it peace, Jehu?" Jehu summed up Jehoram's reign with his reply: "What peace, so long as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?" ([2 Kgs. 9:22](#)).

- Ahab and Jezebel also had a daughter, Athaliah, and she married another man named Jehoram, the son of Jehoshaphat, king of the southern kingdom of Judah. “And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab did (for Ahab’s daughter was his wife), and he did evil in the sight of Yahweh” ([2 Chron. 21:6](#)).
- So it was that the evil influence moved south. At Jehoram’s death, his son by Athaliah became king of Judah. “Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother’s name was Athaliah, the granddaughter of Onui. He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother was his counselor to do wickedly. And he did evil in the sight of Yahweh like the house of Ahab, for they were his counselors after the death of his father, to his destruction” ([2 Chron. 22:2-4](#)). And the evil influence lived on!

Jezebel - New Testament. The name Jezebel is used for a woman once again in Revelation 2:18-29. Here, Jezebel is described as a prophetess, a false teacher, an immoral woman and idol worshipper. She attended a church at Thyatira. She encouraged those who attended the church to engage in sexual sin and worship other gods.

But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. And I gave her time to repent; and she does not want to repent of her immorality. Rev. 2:20-21 (NASB)

She was like the Jezebel in the Old Testament. They share many of the same characteristics. YHWH warned this Jezebel that He would punish her if she did not stop teaching this evil and repent. YHWH not only warned Jezebel the teacher, He also warned her followers to stop and repent (Rev. 2:22-23). And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds. Rev. 2:23 (NASB)

## **DURING YAHSHUA MINISTRY HE VISITED TYRE AND SIDON**

- Later in His ministry, Yahshua visited the region of Sidon and Tyre. There He healed the Canaanite (Syrophoenician) woman's daughter (Mt 15:21–28; Mk 7:24–31). This was the same area where YHWH sent Eliyahu when the widow fed him (1 Kgs 17:9). Eliyahu's visit was to the port city of Zaraphath (Serepta to the Greeks and modern Sarafand), almost mid-way between Sidon and Tyre. Both these Old and New Testament visits to the region may be a reminder that the Promised Land extended as far north as Sidon. While full of non-Israelites, it was still part of Israel's inheritance.
- Yahshua pronounced judgment on Chorazin and Bethsaida suggesting that if the pagan cities of Tyre and Sidon had experienced what Chorazin and Bethsaida did, they would have long ago repented in sackcloth and ashes (Mt 11:21–24).

# CONCLUSION

Baal worship is not a bygone phenomenon. It is widespread in these last days. Baal worship is giving free-reign to the carnal nature. It expresses itself in gluttony, drunkenness, pagan worship and sinful sexual acts.

The Eliyahu Message calls people back to obedience of the commandments of Yahweh the Almighty G-D of Israel. On the physical level it denounces sexual sin. On the spiritual level it denounces the observance of pagan festivals. Read Stewarton Bible School's online booklet, *The Sacred Calendar of the G-D of Israel*.

Though the vast majority of mankind will continue to worship Baal, there will be many 'overcomers,' believers who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Yahshua the Messiah. Endeavour to be amongst that remnant few.

There are many true believers who will refuse to be taken in by the current popular trend in sinful sex. In scriptural terms these believers are called 'overcomers.' End-time overcomers are prefigured by the 7000 who remained faithful to Yahweh in the days of Ahab and Jezebel, when the majority in Israel had plunged into Baal worship and sinful sex.

1 Kings 19:18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which has not kissed him.

Revelation 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches; To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of YAHWEH ELOHIM.

Revelation 2:17 He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches; To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knows saving he that receives it.

Revelation 2:26 And he that overcomes, and keeps my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations.

Revelation 3:5 He that overcomes, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Revelation 3:12 Him that overcomes will I make a pillar in the temple of my YHWH, and he shall go out no more: and I will write upon him the name of my G-D, and the name of the city of my G-D, which is new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from my G-D: and I will write upon him my new name.

Revelation 21:7: He that overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his G-D, and he shall be my son.