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Welcoming Elijah

בְּרוּךְ הַבָּא

Welcome Elijah with the traditional greeting "Baruch Ha-Ba" and a prayer or song.

THE PRAYER FOR ELIJAH

by The Maharal of Prague (16th C. – associated with the legend of the Golem, the Jewish precursor of Frankenstein)

HaRachaman! May the Merciful One send Elijah the prophet to announce good news about redemption and comfort – just as You promised: "Here, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the Lord's great and awesome day. He will reconcile the hearts of parents to their children and children to their parents..." (Malachi 3:24).



הָרַחֲמָן הוּא יִשְׁלַח לָנוּ אֶת אֵלִיָּהוּ הַנָּבִיא זָכוּר לַטוֹב, וִיבַשֶּׁר לָנוּ בְּשׁוֹרוֹת טוֹבוֹת יְשׁוִעוֹת וְנֶחֶמוֹת כָּאָמוּר: "הַנֵּה אָנֹכִי שׁלֵחַ לָכֶם אֵת אֵלִיָּה הַנָּבִיא לִפְנֵי בּוֹא יוֹם יְיָ הַגְּדוֹל וְהַנּוֹרָא, וְהֵשִּׁיב לֵב אָבוֹת עַל בְּנִים וְלֵב בְּנִים עַל אֲבוֹתֶם" (מלאכי ג, כג - כד).

MESSIANIC SONGS OF HOPE

ELIJAH the prophet,
Elijah the Tishbee,
Elijah the Giladee!
May he soon come to us
Along with the Messiah, son of David.

I BELIEVE with a perfect faith in the coming of the Messiah and even though he delays I will await the day of his coming.

Eliyahu ha-navee Eliyahu ha-Tish-bee Eliyahu ha-Giladee beem-hei-ra b'ya-mei-nu yavo ei-leinu eem ma-shee-ach ben David

Anee ma-a-meen b'eh-eh-mu-na shlei-ma b'vee-at ha-ma-shee-ach v'af-al-pee she-yeet-ma-mei-ah eem kol zeh acha-keh lo b'chol yom she-yavo אֵלְיָהוּ הַנְּבִיא אֵלְיָהוּ הַתִּשְׁבִּי, אֵלְיָהוּ הַגִּלְעָדִי בִּמְהֵרָה יָבוֹא אֵלֵינוּ עִם מַשִּׁיחַ בֵּן דַּוִד. עִם מַשִּׁיחַ בֵּן דַּוִד.

אֲנִי מַאֲמִין בֶּאֱמוּנָה שְלֵמָה בְּבִיאַת הַפְּשִׁיחַ, וְאַף עַל פִּי שֶיִּתְמַהְמֵהָ, עִם כָּל זֶה אֲחַכֶּה לוֹ בָּכָל יוֹם שֶיָבוֹא.



Urchatz
Karpas
Yachatz
Maggid
Rachtza
Motzi
Matza
Maror
Korech
Shulchan
Orech

Elijah's Cup

Barech

Brit Milah Ceremons

THE CEREMONY

We rejoice with gratitude for the privilege of bringing this child into our ancestral covenant. We pray that God will grant this newborn son in the House of Israel the blessings of health, fulfillment and peace. We pray that he will find beauty in his heritage which will strengthen and sustain him throughout life.

[As the child is brought into the room, all rise and say:]

בַּרוּךְ הַבָּא

Blessed be the child who comes to enter the covenant.

[The parents of the child say:]

הְנָנִי מוּכָן וּמְזֻבָּן לְקַיֵּם מִצְנַת צֲשֵׂה שֶׁצְנְּנוּ הַבּוֹרֵא יִתְבָּרַךְ לְמוּל אֶת־בְּנִי, כַּכָּתוּב בַּתוֹרָה: וּבֶן־שְׁמֹנַת יָמִים יִמּוֹל לְכֶם כַּל־זַכַר לְדֹרֹתִיכֶם.

I am ready to fulfill the *mitzvah* of having my son circumcised, as the praiseworthy Creator has commanded us in the Torah: "Throughout your generations, every male among you shall be circumcised when he is eight days old."

[The rabbi or מוהל continues:]

At every ברית מילה, we invoke the presence of the prophet Elijah, recalling his commitment to Your covenant, even during difficult times. We rekindle our faith that Elijah will come to announce the advent of the Messiah, and we reaffirm our belief that every human being has the potential to bring redemption to the world.

[The child is placed upon a special seat. The מוהל continues:]

זֶה הַכִּטָא שֶׁל אֵלִיֶהוּ זָכוּר לַטוֹב. לִישׁוּעָתְךּ קּוְּיִתִּי יהוה, שִּבְּרְתִּי לִּישׁוּעָתְךּ יהוה, וּמִצְוֹתֶיךְ עַשְׂיתִי. שִּבַּרְתִּי לִישׁוּעָתְךּ יהוה. שֶׁשׁ אָנֹכִי עַל אִמְרָתֶךְ כְּמוֹצֵא שֶׁלָל רָב. שָׁלוֹם רָב לְאֹהֲבֵי תוֹרָתֶךְ, וְאֵין לָמוֹ מִכְשׁוֹל. אַשְׁרֵי תִּבְחַר וּתְקָרֵב יִשְׁכּוֹן חַצֵּרֶיךְ.

This is the seat of *Eliyahu Hanavi*, Elijah the prophet, of blessed memory.

I wait for Your deliverance, Adonai. I hope for Your deliverance and I fulfill Your *mitzvot*. I hope for Your deliverance, Adonai. I rejoice over Your promise as one who finds great treasure. Great peace have they who love Your Torah; nothing makes them stumble. Happy is the one You choose to bring near, who will enjoy the goodness of Your house and the sanctity of Your temple. [Genesis 49:18; Psalm 119:116, 162, 165; Psalm 65:5a]

B'rakhot after the Haftarah

Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules the universe, Rock of all ages, righteous in all generations, steadfast God whose word is deed, whose decree is fulfillment, whose every teaching is truth and righteousness. Faithful are You, Adonai our God, in all Your promises, of which not one will remain unfulfilled, for You are a faithful and merciful God and Sovereign. Praised are You Adonai, God, faithful in all Your promises.

Show compassion for Zion, the fount of our existence, and bring hope soon to the humbled spirit. Praised are You Adonai, who brings joy to Zion.

Bring us joy, Adonai our God, through Your prophet Elijah and the kingdom of the House of David Your anointed. May, Elijah come soon, to gladden our hearts. May no outsider usurp David's throne, and may no other inherit his glory. For by Your holy name have You promised that his light shall never be extinguished. Praised are You Adonai, Shield of David.

On Shabbat (including Shabbat Ḥol Ha-mo'ed Pesaḥ):

We thank You and praise You, Adonai our God, for the Torah, for worship, for the prophets, and for this Shabbat, which You have given us for holiness and rest, for dignity and splendor. We thank You and praise You for all things. May Your name be praised continually by every living creature. Praised are You Adonai, who sanctifies Shabbat.

On Festivals (including Shabbat Ḥol Ha-mo'ed Sukkot): We thank You and praise You, Adonai our God, for the Torah, for worship, for the prophets, and for this (Shabbat and for this)

Festival of Sukkot

Festival of Sh'mini Atzeret

Festival of Matzot

Festival of Shavuot

You have given us (for holiness and rest,) for joy and gladness, for dignity and splendor. We thank You and praise You for all things. May Your name be praised continually by every living creature. Praised are You Adonai, who sanctifies (Shabbat and) the people Israel and the Festivals.

הפטרה after the ברכות

בּרוּך אַתָּה יהוה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם, צוּר כַּלֹ־הַעוֹלַמִים, צַדִּיק בְּכַל־הַדּוֹרוֹת, הָאֵל הַנֵּאֵמֶן הָאוֹמֵר וְעוֹשֵׁה, הַמִּדַבֵּר וּמִקַיַּם, שֵׁכַּל־דְּבָרָיו אֵמֶת וָצֵדֶק. נֶאֱמָן אַתָּה הוא יהוה אֱלהֵינוּ וְּנֶאֱמָנִים דְּבָּרֵיף, וְדָבָר אֶחָד מִּדְּבָּרֵיף אָחוֹר לֹא יָשׁוּב רֵיקָם, כִּי אֵל מֶלֶךְ נָאֱמָן וְרַחֲמָן אֶתָּה. בָּרוּךְ אָתָּה יהוה הָאֵל הַנָּאֱמֶן בְּכָל־דְּבָרָיו.

רַחָם עַל צִיּוֹן כִּי הִיא בֵּית חַיֵּינוּ. וְלַעֲלְוּבַת נֶפֶשׁ תּוֹשְׁיעַ בַּמְהָרָה בִיַמֵינוּ. בַּרוּךְ אַתָּה יהוה מְשַׁמֵּחַ צִיוֹן בְּבָנֵיהָ.

שַׁמְּחֵנוּ יהוה אַלֹהֵינוּ בְּאֵלִיָהוּ הַנָּבִיא עַבְהֵּךְ וּבְמַלְכוּת בֵּית דָּוִד מְשִׁיחֶךְ. בִּמְהַרָּה יָבֹא וְיָגֵל לִבֵּנוּ, עַל כִּסְאוֹ לא ישב זר ולא ינחלו עוד אחרים את כבודו, כי בְשֵׁם קַדְשְׁךְ נִשְבַּעְתָּ לוֹ שֶׁלֹא יִכְבֶּה נֵרוֹ לִעוֹלֶם וַעֵּד. ברוך אתה יהוה מגן דוד.

On שבת (including מסח שבת (שבת חול המועד פסח):

על התורה ועל העבודה ועל הנביאים ועל יום השבת הַנֶּה שֶׁנָתַתָּ לָנוּ יהוה אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְקָרֻשָּׁה וְלִמְנוּחָה, לְכָבוֹר וּלְתִפְאֵרֶת. עַל הַכּל יהוה אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֲנַחְנוּ מוֹדִים לָךְ, וּמְבָּרְכִים אוֹתָךְ. יִתְבָּרַךְ שִׁמְךְּ בְּפִי כַּלֹ-חֵי תָמִיד לְעוֹלֶם ועד. ברוך אתה יהוה מקדש השבת.

On יום טוב (including שבת חול המועד סוכות):

על הַתּוֹרָה וְעַל הַעֲבוֹדָה וְעַל הַנְּבִיאִים (וְעַל יוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת הַזָּה)

On שמיני עצרת and שמיני: וְעַל יוֹם הַשְּׁמִינִי, חֵג הָעַצֶרֶת הַזֶּה

:סוכות On וְעַל יוֹם חַג הַסְּכּוֹת הַוֶּיה

On שבועות: וְעֵל יוֹם חַג הַשָּׁבְעוֹת הַזֶּה

On הסם: ועל יוֹם חַג הַמַּצוֹת הַוֶּה

שַׁנַתַתַּ לַנוּ יהוה אֱלֹהֵינוּ (לְקָרִשָּׁה וְלָמְנוּחַה) לְשַׁשׁוֹן וּלְשְׁמְחַה, לְכַבוֹד וּלְתִפְאַרֵת. עַל הַכֹּל יהוה אֱלֹהֵינוּ אַנַחְנוּ מוֹדִים לְּךְ, וּמְבָרְכִים אוֹתָךְ. יִתְבַּרֵךְ שִׁמִךְ בִּפִי כֵּל־חֵי תַּמִיד לְעוֹלֵם וַעֵּד. בַּרוּךְ אַתַּה יהוה מִקְדֵשׁ (הַשַּׁבָּת וְ)ישִׂרָאֵל וְהַזְּמַנִּים. Ha-mavdil ben kodesh l'ḥol, ḥatoteinu hu yimḥol zar'enu v'khaspenu (u-shlomenu) yarbeh kha-ḥol v'kha-kokhavim ba-lailah.

Yom panah k'zel tomer, ekra la-el alai gomer, amar shomer ata boker v'gam lailah. Ha-mavdil....

Tzid-kat-kha k'har tavor, al ḥata-ai avor ta'avor, k'yom etmol ki ya'avor v'ashmurah va-lailah. Ha-mavdil....

May the One who separates sacred and profane forgive our sins from on high.
Our families and our means (and our peace) may God increase like grains of sand, like stars up in the sky.

Greetings are exchanged:
Shavua tov! A gutte vokh!
May you have a good week!

ELIYAHU HA-NAVI

Eliyahu Ha-navi, Eliyahu Ha-tishbi, Eliyahu, Eliyahu, Eliyahu Ha-gil'adi, Bim'hera v'yameinu yavo eleinu im mashi-aḥ ben David, im mashi-aḥ ben David.

Elijah the prophet, Elijah the Tishbite, from Gilead. May you come speedily, in our time, bringing the Messiah, descended from David.

% A YIDDISH PRAYER

God of Abraham, of Isaac and of Jacob, protect Your people Israel in their need, as the holy, beloved Sabbath takes its leave. May the good week come to us with health and life, good fortune and blessing, prosperity and dignity, graciousness and lovingkindness, sustenance and success, with all good blessings and with forgiveness of sin. Amen.

הַמַּבְּיִּל בִּין קְּדֶשׁ לְחוּל,
חַפּאתִינוּ הוּא יִמְחֹל,
זַרְעֵנוּ וְבַסְפֵּנוּ (וּשְׁלוֹמֵנוּ) יַרְבָּה כַּחוֹל
וְבַכּוֹכְבִים בַּלֵּיְלָה.
אָקְרָא לָאֵל עָלַי גוֹמֵר,
אָמָר שוֹמֵר
אָמָר שוֹמֵר
צִדְקָתְרְּ בְּקָר וְגַם לְיְלָה.
הַמִּבְּיִיל
עַל חֲטָאֵי עָבוֹר תַּעֲבוֹר,
בְּיוֹם אֶתְמוֹל כִּי יַעֲבוֹר
וְאַשְׁמְוּרָה בַּלָיִלָה.
הַמָּבִּיִל
הַמַּבְיִיל
הַמָּבְיִיל
הַמָּבִיִיל
הַמַּבְיִיל

יַשְׁבְוּעַ טוֹב! אַ גוּטֶע װאָך!

אליהו הנביא 😕

אֵלְיֵּהוּ הַנָּבִיא, אֵלְיֵּהוּ הַתִּשְׁבִּי, אֵלְיֵהוּ, אַלְיֵּהוּ, אַלְיֵהוּ הַגִּלְעָדִי.

בִּמְהַרָה בְּיָמֵינוּ יָבוֹא אֵלֵינוּ, עם מַשִּׁיחַ בֵּן דַּוִד, עם מַשִּׁיחַ בֵּן דַּוִד.

גאט פון אברהם 😕

גאָט פוּן אברהם, פוּן יצחק אוּן יעקב, באהַיט דַיין פּאָלק ישראל אָין זַיין נויט. דֶער ליבער, הייליקער שבת גייט אַועק. דִי גוּטע וואך זאָל אוּנדז קומען צוּ געזונט אוּן צוּם לעבען, צוּ מזל אוּן ברכה, צוּ עושר אוּן כבוד, צוּ חן אוּן חסד, צוּ אַ גוטער פּרנסה און הצלחה אוּן צוּ אלע גוטן געווינס אוּן מחילת עוונות, אמן ואמן סלה.

Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules the universe, our Provider, our Sovereign, our Creator and Redeemer, our Holy One, the Holy One of Jacob, our Shepherd, the Shepherd of Israel, Sovereign who is good to all, whose goodness is constant throughout all time. May You continue to bestow upon us grace, kindness, and compassion, providing us with deliverance, prosperity and ease, life and peace, and all goodness. May You never deprive us of Your goodness.

May the Merciful reign over us throughout all time.

May the Merciful be praised in the heavens and on earth.

May the Merciful be lauded in every generation, glorified through our lives, exalted through us always and for eternity.

May the Merciful give us an honorable livelihood.

May the Merciful break our yoke of exile and lead us in dignity to our land.

May the Merciful send abundant blessings to this house and to this table at which we have eaten.

May the Merciful send us the prophet Elijah, of blessed memory, who will bring us good news of deliverance and consolation.

May the Merciful cause peace to dwell among us.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יהוֹה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם, הָאֵל, אָבְינוּ מַלְבֵּנוּ,
אַדִּיבְנוּ בּוֹּרְאֵנוּ גּוֹאֲלֵנוּ, יוֹצְבְנוּ, קְדוֹשֵנוּ קְדוֹשׁ יַעֲלְב,
רוֹעֵנוּ רוֹעֵה יִשְׂרָאֵל, הַמֶּלֶךְ הַטוֹב וְהַמֵּטִיב לַכּּל, שֶׁבְּכֵל־
יוֹם זִיוֹם הוּא הַטִיב, הוּא מֵטִיב, הוּא יֵיטִיב לֵנוּ,
הוּא גְמָלֵנוּ, הוּא גוֹמְלֵנוּ, הוּא יִגְמְלֵנוּ לָעַד, לְחֵן וּלְחֶטֶּר
וּלְרַחֲמִים וּלְרֶנַח, הַצָּלֶה וְהַצְּלֶחָה, בְּרָכָה וִישׁוּעָה,
נָחָמָה פַּרְנָסָה וְכַלְכָּלָה, וְרַחֲמִים וְחֵיִּים וְשָׁלוֹם וְכַל-טוֹב,
וּמִבּּל-טוֹב לִעוֹלֶם אֵל יְחַסְּרֵנוּ.

ָּבָרְ**חַמָּן**, הוּא יִמְלוֹךְ עָלֵינוּ לְעוֹלֶם וָעֶד.

הָרַחֲמָן, הוּא יִתְבָּרַךְ בַּשְּׁמִיִם וּבָאֶרֶץ.

הָרַחֲמֶן, הוּא יִשְׁתַּבֵּח לְדוֹר דּוֹרִים, וְיִתְפָּאֵר בְּנוּ לְנֵצַח נְצָחִים, וְיִתְהַדֵּר בָּנוּ לָעַד וּלְעוֹלְמֵי עוֹלָמִים.

הָרַחַמֶּן, הוּא יְפַרְנְסֵנוּ בְּכָבוֹד.

הָרַחֲמָן, הוּא יִשְׁבּוֹר עֻלֵנוּ מֵעַל צַנָּארֵנוּ וְהוּא יוֹלִיכֵנוּ קוֹמְמִיוּת לְאַרְצֵנוּ.

הָרַחֲמָן, הוּא יִשְׁלַח לֵנוּ בְּרָכָה מְרֻבָּה בַּבִּיִת הַזֶּה, וְעַל שֻׁלְחָן זֶה שֶׁאָכַלְנוּ עָלָיוּ.

ָּ**הַרְחֲמָן**, הוּא יִשְׁלַח לֱנוּ אֶת אֵלִיֶּהוּ הַנָּבִיא, זְכוּר לַטוֹב, וָיבַשֶּׁר־לֶנוּ בְּשׁוֹרוֹת טוֹבוֹת, יְשׁוּעוֹת וְנֶחָמוֹת.

הָרַחֲמָן, הוא יַשְׁכִּין שָׁלוֹם בֵּינֵינוּ.

³⁴During his reign, Hiel the Bethelite fortified Jericho. He laid its foundations at the cost of Abiram his first-born, and set its gates in place at the cost of Segub his youngest, in accordance with the words that the LORD had spoken through Joshua son of Nun.^b

45 בְּיָמֶיוּ בְּנֶה חִיאֵל בִּית הָאֱלֵּי אֶת־יְרִיחֶה בַּאֲבִירָם בְּכֹרוֹ יִסְּדָה ובשגיב וּבִשְׂגְוּב צְעִירוֹ הִצְּיב דְּלָלֶיהָ כִּדְבַר יְהֹוָה אֲשֶׁר דְּבֶּר בְּיֵד יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בַּן־נְוּן: ס

Elijah the Tishbite, an inhabitant of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD lives, the God of Israel whom I serve, there will be no dew or rain except at my bidding."

² The word of the LORD came to him: ³"Leave this place; turn eastward and go into hiding by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. ⁴You will drink from the wadi, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." ⁵He proceeded to do as the LORD had bidden: he went, and he stayed by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. ⁶The ravens brought him bread and meat every morning and every evening, and he drank from the wadi.

7After some time the wadi dried up, because there was no rain in the land. 8And the word of the LORD came to him: 9"Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon, and stay there; I have designated a widow there to feed you." 10So he went at once to Zarephath. When he came to the entrance of the town, a widow was there gathering wood. He called out to her, "Please bring me a little water in your pitcher, and let me drink." 11As she went to fetch it, he called out to her, "Please bring along a piece of bread for me." 12"As the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I have nothing baked, nothing but a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am just gathering a couple of sticks, so that I can go home and prepare it for me and my son; we shall eat it and then we shall die." 13"Don't be afraid," said Elijah to her. "Go and do as you have said;

וּיֹאמֶר אַלּיָהוּ הַתִּשְׁבִּי מִתּשְׁבֵּי גִלְעָד אֶל־אַחְאָב חַי־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר עָמַדְתִּי לְפָּנָיו אִם־יִהְיָה הַשְּׁנִים האלה טֵל וּמַטֵר כִּי אִם־לִפִּי דְבַרֵי: ס

יְנְאָטֶר דְבַר־יְהֹנֶה אֵלֶיו לֵאמְר: יּ לֵּךְ מִנֶּה יפְנִיתִ לְּךָ קֻדְמָה וְנִסְתַּרְתָּ בְּנְחַל בְּרִית אָשֶר עַל־פְּנֵי הַיַּרְדֵן: יּ וְהָיָה מִהַנְּחַל תִּשְׁתֵּה וְאָת־הָעֹרְבִים צִוֹּיתִי לְכַלְכֶּלְךָּ שְׁם: יֹנִילֶךְ וַיָּעַשׁ בִּרְבַר יְהֹנֶה וַיִּלֶךְ וַיַּשֶׁב בְּנַחַל בְּרִית אֲשֶׁר עַל־פְּנֵי הַיַּרְדֵן: יְהָעֹרְבִים מְבִיאִים לוֹ לֶחֶם וּבְשָׁר בַּבֹּקָר בַּבֹּקר

ולחם ובשר בערב ומן־הנחל ישתה: זויהי מקץ ימים וייבש הנחל כי לא־ היה גשם בַּאַרץ: ס נּוְיהֵי דְבַר־יִהוָה אליו לאמר: פקום לך צרפתה אשר לצירון וַיַשַׁבָתַ שַם הַנָּה צְוִיתִי שַם אִשַּה אלמנה לכלכלה: יו ניקם ו נילך צרפתה וַיַבֹא אַל־פַּתַח הָעִיר וְהָנֵה־שֵׁם אִשָּה אלמנה מקששת עצים ויקרא אליה וַיֹּאמֵר קַחָי־נָא לֵי מִעַט־מֵיִם בַּכְּלֵי וְאֶשְׁתֶּה: יונתֵלֶך לְקַחַת נַיִּקְרָא אֵלֶיהָ וַיֹּאמֵר לָקְחָי־נֵא לֵי פַּת־לֶחֶם בְּיָדֵך: ינש־לֵי אָם־יָשׁ־לֵי אָם־יָשׁ־לֵי אַם־יָשׁ־לֵי 12 מעוֹג כִּי אִם־מִלְא כַף־לָמָח בַּבָּד וּמְעַט־ שמז בצפחת והנני מקששת שנים עצים וּבָּאתִי וַאֲשִׁיתִּיהוֹ לִי וַלְבְנִי וַאֲכַלְנָהוּ וָמֶתִנוּ: 13 וַיּאמֶר אֵלֵיהָ אֵלִיָּהוּ אַל־הַּיִרְאִי בֹּאִי עֲשִׂי כִדְבָרֶךְ אַךְ עֲשִׂי־לִי מִשָּׁם עָנָּה

but first make me a small cake from what you have there, and bring it out to me; then make some for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus said the LORD, the God of Israel: The jar of flour shall not give out and the jug of oil shall not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the ground." ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah had spoken, and she and he and her household had food for a long time. ¹⁶The jar of flour did not give out, nor did the jug of oil fail, just as the LORD had spoken through Elijah.

¹⁷After a while, the son of the mistress of the house fell sick, and his illness grew worse, until he had no breath left in him. 18She said to Elijah, "What harm have I done you, O man of God, that you should come here to recall my sin and cause the death of my son?" 19"Give me the boy," he said to her; and taking him from her arms, he carried him to the upper chamber where he was staying, and laid him down on his own bed. 20He cried out to the LORD and said, "O Lord my God, will You bring calamity upon this widow whose guest I am, and let her son die?" 21Then he stretched out over the child three times, and cried out to the LORD, saying, "O LORD my God, let this child's life return to his body!" 22The LORD heard Elijah's plea; the child's life returned to his body, and he revived. ²³Elijah picked up the child and brought him down from the upper room into the main room, and gave him to his mother. "See," said Elijah, "your son is alive." 24And the woman answered Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD is truly in your mouth."

18 Much later, in the third year, a the word of the LORD came to Elijah: "Go, appear before Ahab; then I will send rain upon the earth."

קְטַנֶּה בָרִאשׁנָה וְהוֹצֵאתְ לִּי וְלֶךְ וְלְבְּנֵׁךְ תַּעֲשֵׁי בָּאַחָרנְה: ס 14 כֵּי כֹח אָמַר יְהֹיָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְּׂרָאֵל כַּד הַלֶּמָח לָא תִכְלְה וְצַפַּחַת הַשֶּׁמֶן לְא תָחְסֵר עַד יִוֹם תתו תַת-יְהֹנָה גָשֶׁם עַל-פְּנֵי הָאַדְמָה: 15 וַתַּלֶּךְ תַתְּעֲשֶׂה בִּדְבַר אֵלְיֵהוּ וַתְּאכַל הוא הִיא־ והיא וְהָוֹּא וּבֵיתָה יָמִים: 16 כֵּד הַלֶּמָח לָא כְלְתָה וְצַפַּחַת הַשָּׁמֶן לָא חָסֵר בִּדְבַר

יהוה אשר דבר ביד אליהו: פ יו ניהי אַחַר הַדְּבַרִים הַאַּלֵה חַלָּה בַּוֹי האשה בעלת הבית ויהי חליו חוק מאד עד אַשֶר לא־נותרה־בּוֹ נִשְׁמַה: 18 נַתּׂאמֶר אל-אליהו מה-לי ולך איש האלהים באת אלי להזכיר את־עוני ולהמית אַת־בְּנֵי: 19 נַיֹּאמֵר אַלִיהַ תְנֵי־לִי אַת־בְּנַךְ ויקחהו מחיקה ויעלהו אל־העליה אַשֶר־הוא ישב שם ויַשְכַבַהו על־מְטַתוּ: 20 ויקרא אל־יהוה ויאמר יהוה אלהי הגם על־האלמנה אשר־אני מתגורר את־בנה: להמית הרעות עמה וַיָּקָרָא פַעַמִּים וַיִּקְרָא פַעַמִים וַיִּקְרָא 21 נַיִּתְמֹדֵד עַל־הַיֹּלֶד שַׁלְשׁ פַּעַמִים וַיִּקְרָא אֶל־יְהוֶה וִיֹּאמֶר יִהוָה אֵלהֹי תַשַּׁב נַא נפש־הַיַּלֶר הָזָה על־קרבְּוֹ: 22 וַיִּשְׁמֵע יהוה בקול אליהו ותשב נפש־הילד על־קרבְּוֹ וַיֵּחִי: 23 וַיִּשָּׁח אֵליָהוּ אַת־הַיַּלַד וַיֹּרְרָהוּ מוַ־הַעליַה הַבַּיִתָה וַיִּתְנָהוּ לְאַמִּוֹ ויאמר אליהו ראי חי בנך: 24 ותאמר הַאַשַׁה אַל־אַליָּהוּ עַתַה זָה יַדְעַתִּי כִּי איש אלהים אתה ודבר־יהנה בפיר אמת:

תְּיָהִי יְמִים רַבִּים וּרְבַר־יְהֹוָה הָיָהֹ אֶל־אֵלִיָּהוּ בַּשְׁנָה הַשְּׁלִישִׁית לֵאמֶר לֵּךְ הַרְאָה אֶל־אַחְאָב וְאֶתְּנָה מְטֶר עַל־פְּנֵי הַרְאָה אֶל־אַחְאָב וְאֶתְּנָה מְטֶר עַל־פְּנֵי ¹⁵Elijah replied, "As the LORD of Hosts lives, whom I serve, I will appear before him this very day."

16Obadiah went to find Ahab, and informed him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah. 17When Ahab caught sight of Elijah, Ahab said to him, "Is that you, you troubler of Israel?" 18He retorted, "It is not I who have brought trouble on Israel, but you and your father's House, by forsaking the commandments of the LORD and going after the Baalim. 19Now summon all Israel to join me at Mount Carmel, together with the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, b-who eat at Jezebel's table."-b

²⁰Ahab sent orders to all the Israelites and gathered the prophets at Mount Carmel. 21Elijah approached all the people and said, "How long will you keep hopping 6-between two opinions?-c If the Lord is God, follow Him; and if Baal, follow him!" But the people answered him not a word. 22 Then Elijah said to the people, "I am the only prophet of the LORD left, while the prophets of Baal are four hundred and fifty men. 23Let two young bulls be given to us. Let them choose one bull, cut it up, and lay it on the wood, but let them not apply fire; I will prepare the other bull, and lay it on the wood, and will not apply fire. 24You will then invoke your god by name, and I will invoke the LORD by name; d-and let us agree: -d the god who responds with fire, that one is God." And all the people answered, "Very good!"

²⁵Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one bull and prepare it first, for you are the majority; invoke your god by name, but apply no fire." ²⁶They took the bull that was given them; they prepared it, and invoked Baal by name from morning until noon, shouting, "O Baal,

זּוֹנַיֹּאמֶר אֵלְּיָּהוּ חֵי יְהנְה צְבָּאוֹת אֲעֵר עַּמֶרְתִּי לְּפְנְיוֹ כִּי הַיְּוֹם אַרָאָה אֵלֵיו: זּוֹנִיֶּלֶךְ עֹבַרְיָהוּ לִקְרָאת אַחְאָב וַיַּנֶּד־לְּוֹ נִיּלֶךְ אַחְאָב לִקְרָאת אֵלְיֶהוּ: זּוֹנִיּאמֶר אַלְיוֹ הַאַתָּה זֶה עֹכֵר יִשְׂרָאֵל: זּוֹנִיּאמֶר אַלְיוֹ הַאַתָּה זֶה עֹכֵר יִשְׂרָאֵל: זּוֹנִיּאמֶר אַלְיוֹ הַאַתְּה זֶה עֹכֵר יִשְׂרָאֵל כִּי אִם־אַהָּה וֹתָּלֶךְ אַחֲרֵי הַבְּעְלִים: יּנוֹ וְעַהָּה שְׁלַח קְבָּץ וֹתֶלֶךְ אַחֲרֵי הַבְּעְלִים: יּנוֹ וְעַהָּה שְׁלַח קְבָּץ אַלֵי אֶת־נְּבִיאֵי הַבְּעָלִים: יּנוֹ וְעַהָּה שְׁלַח קְבָּץ וְאָת־נְבִיאֵי הַבְּעַל אַרְבַּע מֵאָוֹת וַחְמִשִּׁים שִׁלְחַן אִיזָבֶל:

עַּרִישָׁלָח אַחָאֶב בְּכָל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּקְבְּץ אֶת־הַנְּבִיאָים אֶל־הַר הַבּּרְמֶל: עַּר־מְתַׁי אַתֶּם אֵלִיָּהוּ אֶל־בְּל־הָעָם וַיֹּאמֶר עַד־מְתַׁי אַתֶּם אַלְיָהוּ אֶל־בְּוּ אַחֲלְיוֹ וְאִם־הַבָּעַל לְכִוּ הַאֱלֹהִים לְכִּוּ אַחֲלְיוֹ וְאִם־הַבָּעַל לְכִוּ אַחְרָיוֹ וְלְא־עָנִוּ הָעָם אֹתְוֹ דְּבֶר: 22 וַיְּאמֶר אַחְרָיוֹ וְלְא־עָנִוּ הָעָם אֹתְוֹ דְּבֶר: 22 וַיְּאמֶר אַחְלְיִהוֹ אֶל־הְנִי עְנִוּ הָעָם אֹתְוֹ דְּבֶּר בִּעִיתוֹ אַלְיָּהוֹ לְבְּדִי וּנְבִיאֵי הַבָּעל אַרְבַּע־מֵאָוֹת וְיִבְּחֲרָוּ לְבָּדִי וּנְבִיאֵי הַבָּעל אַרְבַּע־מֵאָוֹת וְיִבְּחְרָוּ לְבָּה הָשִׁים וְאֵשׁ לְא יִשְׂימוּ וַאְדִּי וְיִשְׁימוּ וַאְשׁ לְא אָשִׂים: 24 וְנְתַתִּי עַל־ הָעֵצִים וְאֵשׁ לָא אָשִׂים: 24 וְהָנָה וְהָנָה הְעֵצִים וְאֵשׁ לָא אָשִׂים: 24 וְשְׁכִרְיִתְנָּה וְהָנָה הָעֵלִים וְאֵשׁ לָא אָשִׂים: 42 וְהָנָה וְהָנָה וְהָנָה הָאֵלהֹים אֲשֶׁר־יִעְנֶה בָאֵשׁ הָוּא הָאָלוֹהִים הָּאָלוֹהִים הָּאָּלוֹהִים אָשֶׁר־יִעְנֶה בָאֵשׁ הָוּא הָוּא הָאֶלוֹהִים הָּאָלֹּהִים אָשֶׁר־יִעְנֶה בָאֵשׁ הְוּא הָוּאָר הִיּמְלֹה וְהָנִה

וַיָּעַן כָּל־הָעֶם וַיֹּאמְרָוּ טָוֹב הַדְּבֶּר: 1. יִּאמֶר אֵלִּיָּהוּ לִנְבִיאֵי הַבַּּעַל בַּחֲרֹּוּ לָכֶם הַבֶּר הָאֶחָד וַעֲשְׁוּ רִאשׁנְּה כֵּי אַתֶּם הָרַבִּים וְקְרְאוּ בְּשֵׁם אֱלֹהֵילֶם וְאֵשׁ לָא הָרַבְּים וְקָרְאוּ בְּשֵׁם אֱלֹהֵילֶם וְאֵשׁ לָא תְשִׂימוּ: 26 יִּיִּקְחוּ אֶת־הַבָּּעַל מֵהַבּּצֶל לְהֶם וַיִּצְשׁוּ וַיִּקְרְאָוּ בְשֵׁם־הַבַּעַל מֵהַבּּצֶל

b-b I.e., who are maintained by Jezebel.

c-c Lit. "on the two boughs."

d-d Lit. "and it shall be."

answer us!" But there was no sound, and none who responded; so they performed a hopping dance about the altar that had been set up. ²⁷When noon came, Elijah mocked them, saying, "Shout louder! After all, he is a god. ^e-But he may be in conversation, he may be detained, or he may be on a journey, ^{-e} or perhaps he is asleep and will wake up." ²⁸So they shouted louder, and gashed themselves with knives and spears, according to their practice, until the blood streamed over them. ²⁹When noon passed, they ^f-kept raving ^{-f} until the hour of presenting the meal offering. Still there was no sound, and none who responded or heeded.

30Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come closer to me"; and all the people came closer to him. He repaired the damaged altar of the LORD. 31Then Elijah took twelve stones, corresponding to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob-to whom the word of the LORD had come: "Israel shall be your name" 8-32 and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD. Around the altar he made a trench large enough for two seahs of seed. h 33He laid out the wood, and he cut up the bull and laid it on the wood. 34And he said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it over the burnt offering and the wood." Then he said, "Do it a second time"; and they did it a second time. "Do it a third time," he said; and they did it a third time. 35The water ran down around the altar, and even the trench was filled with water.

³⁶When it was time to present the meal offering, the prophet Elijah came forward and said, "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel! Let it be known today that You are God in Israel and that I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your bidding.

³⁷Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this peo-

ועד־הַצָּהַרִים לָאמר הַבַּעַל עַנְנוּ וְאֵין קוֹל וְאֵין עֹנֵה וַיִפְּסְחוֹוּ עַל־הַמִּוֹבֵּח אַשֵׁר עשה: 27 וַיְהִי בַצָּהַרִים וַיְהַתֵּל בָּהַם אַליָּהוּ וַיֹּאמֶר קראַוּ בְקוֹל־גַּדוֹל בִּי־ אַלהַים הוא כִּי שִׁיחַ וְכִי־שֵׁיג לוֹ וְכִי־ דרך לו אולי ישן הוא ויקץ*: 28 ויקראו בַּקוֹל גַּרוֹל וַיִּתְגִּרְדוֹ כִּמְשְׁכָּטֶׁם בַּחֲרְבָוֹת וֹבַרְמָחֵים עַד־שְׁפָּרְ־דָּם עַלֵּיהֶם: 29 וַיִּהִי פעבר הַצַּהַרַיִם וַיֶּתְנַבְּאוּ עַד לַעַלְוֹת הַמַנְחָה וְאֵין־קוֹל וְאֵין־עֹנֶה וְאֵין קַשְׁב: 20 וַיּאמֶר אֵלָיָהוּ לְכָל־הָעָם גִּשְׁוּ אֵלֵיַה וַיָּגַשׁוּ כַל־הַעָם אַלִיו וַיְרַפַּא אַת־מִזְבַּח יָהוָה הֶהָרְוּס: 13וַיִּקַח אַלֹּיָהוּ שְׁתֵּים עשרה אַבַנִים כִּמִסְפֵּר שִׁבְטֵי בְנֵי־יַעַקֹב אשר היה דבר־יִהוָה אַלִּיוֹ לֵאמֹר יִשְׂרָאֵל יהיה שמך: 32 וַיִּבנה את־האַבנים מוֹבֶּח בְּשֵׁם יִהנֶה וַיַּעשׁ תִּעָלֶה בְּבֵית סָאתִים זרע סביב למובח: 33 ויערך את־העצים וַיְנַתַּח אֶת־הַפָּּר וַיָּשֶׂם עַל־הָעֵצֵים: וּנְצְקָוּ מַלְאוּ אַרְבַּעָה כַדִּים מַיִם וְיִצְקָוּ 34 עַל־הָעֹלֶה וְעַל־הָעֵצֵים וַיִּאמֶר שִׁנוּ וַיִּשְׁנוּ וַיָּאמֶר שַׁלֵּשׁוּ וַיִשַׁלֵשׁוּ: 35 וַיֵּלְכִוּ הַמַּיִם סָבֶיב לַמִּזְבֵּח וְגַם אֶת־הַתִּעַלָה מְלֵא־

יַּנְיְהֵי וּ בַּעֲלְוֹת הַמְּנְחָה וַיִּגֵּשׁ אֵלְיָהוּ הַנָּבִיא וַיֹּאמֵר יְהֹוָה אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם יִצְחָקּ וְיִשְׂרָאֵל הַיִּוֹם יִנְדַע בִּי־אַתְּה אֱלֹהֵים בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל וַאֲנֵי עַבְהֶּךְ ובדבריך וּבִדְבִרְךְּ עְשִׂיתִי אֵת כָּל-הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶה: 37 עֲנֵנִי

e-e Meaning of Heb. uncertain.

חסר יי בשורש 1. 27.

f-f Others "prophesied"; see Num. 11.25-26.

g See Gen. 35.10.

h I.e., of an area which would require two seahs of seed if sown.

Cf. Lev. 27.16; Isa. 5.10.

ple may know that You, O LORD, are God; e-for You have turned their hearts backward."-e

³⁸Then fire from the LORD descended and consumed the burnt offering, the wood, the stones, and the earth; and it licked up the water that was in the trench. ³⁹When they saw this, all the people flung themselves on their faces and cried out: "The LORD alone is God, The LORD alone is God!"

⁴⁰Then Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal, let not a single one of them get away." They seized them, and Elijah took them down to the Wadi Kishon and slaughtered them there.

41Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink, for there is a rumbling of [approaching] rain," 42 and Ahab went up to eat and drink. Elijah meanwhile climbed to the top of Mount Carmel, crouched on the ground, and put his face between his knees. 43And he said to his servant, "Go up and look toward the Sea." He went up and looked and reported, "There is nothing." Seven times [Elijah] said, "Go back," 44and the seventh time, [the servant] reported, "A cloud as small as a man's hand is rising in the west." Then [Elijah] said, "Go say to Ahab, 'Hitch up [your chariot] and go down before the rain stops you." 45Meanwhile the sky grew black with clouds; there was wind, and a heavy downpour fell; Ahab mounted his chariot and drove off to Jezreel. 46The hand of the Lord had come upon Elijah. i-He tied up his skirts-i and ran in front of Ahab all the way to Jezreel.

19 When Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had put all the prophets^a to the sword, ²Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, ^{b-"}Thus and more may the gods do-b if

יְהוָהֹ אֲנִׄנִי וְיֵדְעוּ הָעֶם הַנֶּה כְּי־אַתָּה יְהוֶה הָאֱלֹהֻים וְאַתָּה הַסִבְּּתָ אֶת־לִבֶּם אחרנית:

30 וַתִּפְּל אֵש־יְהוָה וַתִּאכַל אֶת־הֶעֹלְהוֹ וְאֶת־הָעֵלִים וְאֶת־הָאֲבָנִים וְאֶת־הֶעְפֶּר וְאֶת־הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר־בַּתְּעָלֶה לִחֲכָה: 10 וַיַּרְא בָּל־הָעָׁם וַיִּפְּלָוּ עַל־פְּנֵיהֶם וַלִּאמְרֹוּ יְהוָה הָוּא הָאֱלֹהִים יִהוָה הָוּא הָאֵלֹהִים:

שּׁנִיּאמֶר אֵלּיָּהוּ לְּהֶׁם תִּפְשְׁוּ וֹ אֶת־נְבִיאֵי הַבַּעַל אָישׁ אַל־יִמְלֵט מֵהֶם וַיִּתְפְּשְׁוּם וַיּוֹרְדֶם אֵלִיָּהוּ אֶל־נַחַל קִישׁוֹן וַיִּשְׁחָטֵם

וּ וַיָּאמֶר אֵלְיָּהוּ לְאַחְאָב עֲלֶה אֶכְל וּשְׁתֵּה פִּי־קּוֹל הָמָוֹן הַגְּשֶׁם: ¹² וַיַּצְלֶּה אַחְאָב לָאֶכְל וְלִשְׁתִּוֹת וְאֵלִיּהוּ עָלֶּה אַרְרָאשׁ הַפַּרְמֶל וַיִּגְּחַר אַרְצְה וַיָּשֶׁם פְּנָיו בִּין ברכו בִּרְבֵּיו: ¹⁴ וַיִּגְט וַיִּאמֶר אֵל־נַעֲלוֹ עֲלֵה מְאִוּמְה וַיֹּאמֶר שֶׁב שֶׁבַע פְּעָמִים: ⁴⁴ וַיִּהִי מְאִנְמְה וַיִּאמֶר הָנָה־עֶב קְטַנָּה כְּכַף־ מְאִנְמְה וַיִּאמֶר הָנָה־עֶב קְטַנָּה כְּכַף־ אַחְאָב אֱכְר וְיִרְב וְיֹאמֶר וְעַד־כֹּה וְהַשְּמִים מַּתְקַרְנוֹ עַבִים וְלִיּחַ וַיִּקֹר הָנָּשֶׁם גָּדְוֹל מִּחְבָּב אַחְאָב וַיִּלֶּך יִוְרְעֶאלָה: מּלְיִה וְהַשְׁמַׁים הַוְּתָבְּר אַלִּיְהוּ וַיְשְׁנָּט מְתְנָיו וַיִּּרְץ לִפְּנִי אַחְאָב עַר־בּאָב, וְיִלֶּר יִוְרְעֵאלָה: מִּלְּר יִוֹרְעֵאלָה: מִּלְּר יִוְרְעֵאלָה: מִּלְּר יִוְרְעֵאלָה: מִּלְר יִוְרְעֵאלָה:

ניַגִּד אַחְאָב לְאִיזֶּבֶל אֵת כְּל־אֲשֶׁר עָשֶׂה אַלֹּיָהוּ וְאֵת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר הָרֵג אֶת־כָּל־ הַנְּבִיאֵים בָּחֲרֶב: יַנִתִּשְׁלֵח אִיזֶּבֶל מַלְאָׁךְ אָל־אַלֹּיָהוּ לֵאמֶר כְּה־יַּצְשְׁוּן אֱלֹהִים וְכְה

יתיר ה׳ v. 44.

i-i Lit. "He bound up his loins."

a Of Baal; see 18.40,

b-b A formula of imprecation. Many Heb. mss. and Septuagint add "to me."

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by this time tomorrow I have not made you like one of them."

³Frightened,^c he fled at once for his life. He came to Beer-sheba, which is in Judah, and left his servant there; ⁴he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush and sat down under it, and prayed that he might die. "Enough!" he cried. "Now, O LORD, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers."

⁵He lay down and fell asleep under a broom bush. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." ⁶He looked about; and there, beside his head, was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water! He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He arose and ate and drank; and with the strength from that meal he walked forty days and forty nights as far as the mountain of God at Horeb. ⁹There he went into a cave, and there he spent the night.

Then the word of the LORD came to him. He said to him, "Why are you here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He replied, "I am moved by zeal for the LORD, the God of Hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and put Your prophets to the sword. I alone am left, and they are out to take my life." ¹¹"Come out," He called, "and stand on the mountain before the LORD."

And lo, the LORD passed by. There was a great and mighty wind, splitting mountains and shattering rocks by the power of the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind—an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²After the earthquake—fire; but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire—a soft murmuring sound.^d ¹³When Elijah heard

יוֹסְפֿוּן בֵּי־כָעֵת מָחָר אָשִׂים אֶת־נַפְּשְׁלְּ כָּנֶפָשׁ אַחָד מֵהֶם:

נּיַּלָּקם נַיֵּלֶךְ אֶל־נַפְשׁוֹ נַיְבֿא בְּאֵר שֶׁבַע אֲשֶׁר לְיהוּדֶה נַיַּנַח אֶת־נַעֲרָוֹ שְׁם: יְּהְוּא־הָלַךְ בַּמִּדְבָּר דֶּרֶךְ יוֹם נַיְבֿא נַיֵּשֶׁב תַּחַת רְתֶם אחת אֶחֶד נַיִּשְׁאַל אֶת־נַפְשׁוֹ לְמוֹת נַיִּאמֶר וֹ רַב עַתָּה יְהוְה קַח נַפְשׁׁי כֵּי־לֹא־טְוֹב אָנֹכֶי מֵאֲבֹתָי:

זְּיִשְׁכָּב ֹנִיִּשַׁׁן הַּחַת רְעֶם אֶחֶד וְהִנְּה־זֶה מַלְאָך נֹגֵע בֹּוֹ זַיִּאמֶר לוֹ קוּם אֶכְוֹל: זּיַבְּט וְהִנְּהְ מְרַאֲשֹׁתְיוֹ עֻגַת רְצָפֶּים וְצַפַּחַת מֶיִם וְיִּאכַל זַיִּשְׁהְ זַיִּשְׁב זִיִּשְׁכֵּב: זּזַיִּשְׁב מִּלְּאַרְ בְּיַ רַב מִמְּךָ הַדְּרֶך: זּנִישְׁכֵּב זִיִּשְׁב מִמְּל הַיִּשְׁתָּ וּיִּלֶךְ בְּכְחַ וֹ הָאֲכִילְה זַיִּעְה הַהִּיא אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם וְאַרְבָּעִים לַיְּלָה עֵר הַר הָאֶלהָים חֹרֵב:

٩ וַיָּבֹא־שָׁם אֶל־הַמְּעָרֶה ְוַיֵּלֶן שֵׁם

יְהִנֵּה דְבַר־יִהֹנְה אֵלְיוֹ וַיִּאמֶר לֹוֹ מַה־לְּךְּ

פָּה אֵלְיֵהוּ: ¹ וַיֹּאמֶר קַנֹּא קנֹּאתִי לִיהוָה וּ

אֶלֹהֵי צְבָּאוֹת כִּי־עָזְבְּוּ בְּרִיתְךְ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל

אֶת־מִזְבְּחֹתֵיךְ הָּלְטוּ וְאֶת־נְבִיאֶיךְ הָרְגוּ

בְחֵרֶב וְאִנְתֵר אֲנִי לְבַדִּי וַיְבַקְשְׁוּ אֶת־נַפְשְׁי

לְקַחְתְּה: ¹ וַיִּאמֶר צֵא וְעַמַדְתְּ בְּהָר לְפְנֵי

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יְהִנְּהְ יְהנְה עבֵּר וְרָנִּחַ נְּדוֹלֶה וְחָזֶׁק מְפָּרֵק הָרִים וּמְשַׁבֵּר סְלְעִים לְפְנֵי יְהֹּנָה לָא בָּרָנִּחַ יְהנֶה וְאַחֵר הָרֹנִח רַעשׁ לָא בָרֻעשׁ יְהנֵה: 12 וְאַחַר הָרַעשׁ אֵשׁ לָא בָאֵשׁ יְהנֵה יְהנֵה: 12 וְאַחַר הָאֵשׁ קּוֹל דְּמָמָה דַקָּה: 13 וַיְהִי וְאַחַר הָאֵשׁ קּוֹל דְּמָמָה דַקָּה: 13 וַיְהִי בִּשְׁמְעַ אֵלִּיָּהוּ וַיֵּלֶט פְּנִיוֹ בְּאַדַּרְתֹּוֹ וַיִּצֵאׁ

c So many Heb. mss. and Septuagint; most mss., and the editions, read "And he saw, and."

d Others "a still, small voice."

it, he wrapped his mantle about his face and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then a voice addressed him: "Why are you here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I am moved by zeal for the LORD, the God of Hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and have put Your prophets to the sword. I alone am left, and they are out to take my life."

15The LORD said to him, "Go back by the way you came, [and] on to the wilderness of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael as king of Aram. ¹⁶Also anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king of Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah to succeed you as prophet. ¹⁷Whoever escapes the sword of Hazael shall be slain by Jehu, and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu shall be slain by Elisha. ¹⁸I will leave in Israel only seven thousand—every knee that has not knelt to Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him."

19He set out from there and came upon Elisha son of Shaphat as he was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah came over to him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen and ran after Elijah, saying: "Let me kiss my father and mother good-by, and I will follow you." And he answered him, "Go back. What have I done to you?" ^e ²¹He turned back from him and took the yoke of oxen and slaughtered them; he boiled f-their meat-f with the gears of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah and became his attendant.

20 King Ben-hadad of Aram gathered his whole army; thirty-two kings accompanied him with horses and chariots. He advanced against Samaria, laid siege to it, and attacked it. ²And

וַיָּצְמָּד פֶּתַח הַמְּעָרֶה וְהִנֵּה אֵלְיוֹ לְּוֹל וַיֹּאמֶר מַח־לְּךָ פָּה אֵלִיֵּהוּ: 14 נִיֹּאמֶר קַנִּא קנֵּאתִי לַיהנָה ו אֶלהֵי צְּבָאוֹת כִּי־עָזְבְּוּ בְרֵיתְךּ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵׁל אֶת־מִוְבְּחֹתֵיךּ הָּלְסוּ וְאֶת־נְבִיאֶיךּ הָרְגַּוּ בָחֵרֶב וָאִנְּתֵר אֲנִיׂ

לְבַּהְׁי וַיְבַקְשָׁוּ אֶת־נַפְשֶׁי לְקַחְתֵּה: ס זוֹיָאמֶר יְהוָהֹ אֵלְיוֹ לֵהְ שָׁוֹב לְדַרְכְּהְ מִדְבַּרָה דַפְּמֶשֶׁן וּבָּאת וּמְשַׁחְתָּ אֶת־חָוָאֵל לְמֶלֶהְ עַל־אָרֶם: זּוֹיְאֵת יֵהְוֹא בֶּן־נִּמְשִׁי תִּמְשַׁח לְמֶלֶהְ עַל־יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאֶת־אֱלִישֵׁע בּּן־שָׁפָט מֵאָבֵל מְחוּלְה תִּמְשַׁח לְנָבִיא תַּחְתָּיִה יִחְיָּהְ הַנִּמְלֵט מֵחֶרֶב חָוָאֵל יָמִית יֵהְוֹא וְהַנִּמְלֵט מֵחֶרֶב יֵהְוֹּא יָמִית אֶלְפֶּים בְּלֹּיהָבְּרְבַּיִם אֲשֶׁר לְאִ־כַּרְעוֹּ אָלְפֶּים בְּלֹ-הַבְּרְבַּיִם אֲשֶׁר לְאִ־כַּרְעוֹּ

יבֶן־הָדַד מֶלֶּךְ־אָרָם קַבַץ' אֶת־כָּל־ חֵילוֹ וּשְׁלשִׁים וּשְׁנֵים מֶלֶּךְ אִתָּוֹ וְסְוּס וָרֶכֶב וַיַּעַל וַיְּצַר עַל־שְׁמְרוֹן וַיִּלֶּחֶם בְּהּ:

e I.e., I am not stopping you.

f-f Lit. "them, the flesh."

g I.e., using it as firewood; cf. 2 Sam. 24.22.

from heaven and consume you with your fifty men!" And fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty men. 11The king then sent to him another captain with his fifty men; and he c-addressed him-c as follows: "Man of God, by order of the king, come down at once!" 12But Elijah answered him, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you with your fifty men!" And fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty men. 13Then he sent a third captain of fifty with his fifty men. The third captain of fifty climbed to the top, knelt before Elijah, and implored him, saying, "Oh, man of God, please have regard for my life and the lives of these fifty servants of yours! 14Already fire has come from heaven and consumed the first two captains of fifty and their men;d I beg you, have regard for my life!"

15Then the angel of the LORD said to Elijah, "Go down with him, do not be afraid of him." So he rose and went down with him to the king. ¹⁶He said to him, "Because you sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron—as if there were no God in Israel whose word you could seek—assuredly, you shall not rise from the bed which you are lying on; but you shall die."

¹⁷And [Ahaziah] died, according to the word of the LORD that Elijah had spoken. Jehorame succeeded him as king, in the second year of King Jehoram son of Jehoshaphat of Judah, for he had no son. ¹⁸The other events of Ahaziah's reign [and] his actions are recorded in the Annals of the Kings of Israel.

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha

ואם־איש אלהים אני תרד אש מו־ הַשַּׁמִים וָתֹאכַל אֹתְרָּ וָאָת־חַמִשִּׁירְ וֹתְרִד אַשׁ מִן־הַשַּׁמִים וַהַּאכַל אֹתִוּ וָאָת־ חמשיו: זווישב וישלח אליו שר-חָמִשִׁים אַחֶר וַחְמִשֵּׁיו וַיַּעַן וַיְדַבֵּר אֵלִיו אִישׁ הַאֵלהִים כְּה־אָמֵר הַמֶּלֶךְ מְהַרְה בַרָה: 12 וַנַּעַן אַלִּיָה וֹיִדְבֵּר אַלִיהָם אָם־ אַישׁ הָאֶלהִים אָנִי תַּרֶד אֵשׁ מִן־הַשָּׁמִּיִם ותאכל אתה ואת־חמשיה ותרד אש־ אלהים מן־השמים ותאכל אתו ואת־ חמשיו: 13 וַיִּשֶׁב וַיִּשְׁלַח שַר־חַמשִׁים שלשים וחמשיו ויעל ויבא שר־ הַחַמשִּׁים הַשְּלִישִׁי וַיָּכַרַע עַל־בּרבּיו ו לנגד אַליַּהוּ וַיִּתְחַנּן אַליוֹ וַיִּדְבֵּר אַליו איש האלהים תיקרינא נפשי ונפש עַבְדֵיךָ אֱלֶה חַמְשֵׁים בְּעִינֵיך: 14 הְנָה יַרְדָה אָשׁ מִן־הַשְּמִים וְתֹאכל את־שניי שַׁרֵי הַחַמִשִׁים הַרָאשׁנִים וָאַת־חַמשִׁיהַם וְעַתָּה תִּיקֵר נַפְשֵׁי בְּעִינֵיך: ס

יַּרְבַּר מַלְאָך יְהוָה אֶל־אֵלְיָּהוּ רֵד אוֹתוֹ אַל־הִּירָא מִפְּנְיוֹ וַיֵּקָם וַיֵּרָד אוֹתוֹ אֶל־הַּמֶּלֶף: 10 וַיְדַבּר אֵלְיוֹ כְּה־אָמֵר יְהוְּה יַּעַן הַמֶּלֶף: 10 וַיְדַבּר אֵלְיוֹ כְּה־אָמֵר יְהוְה יַּעַן אֲשֶׁר־שָׁלַחְתָּ מַלְאָכִים לִדְרשׁ בְּבַעַל זְבוּב אֶלהַי עֶקְרוֹן הַמִּבְּלֶי אֵין־אֱלֹהִים בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל לְדְרָשׁ בִּּדְבָרוֹ לְכֵן הַמִּשְּׁה אֲשֶׁר־עָלֵיתִ שְׁם לְא־תֵרֵד מִמֵּנַּה כִּי־מִוֹת תַּמוּת:

יאר בער יהשלות בשליהוי ליהור בעליהוי זייִמְלְךְּ יְהוֹרֶם תַּחְתִּיו פּ בִּשְׁנַת שְׁתַּיִם לִיהוֹרֶם בֶּּן־יְהוֹשָׁפֶּט מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדֵה כֵּי לְא־חֵיָה לְוֹ בֵּן: 18 וְיֵתֶר דִּבְרֵי אֲחַוְיָהוּ אֲשֶׁר עָשֶׂה הָלְוֹא־הַפְּה כְתוּבִים עַל־סֵפֶּר דִבְרֵי הַיָּמִים לְמַלְבֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: פּ

נְיְהִׁי בְּהַעֲלְוֹת יְהנָה' אֶת־אֵלְיָּהוּ בַּסְעָרָה הַשָּׁמָיִם נַיִּלֶךְ אֵלְיֵהוּ נֶאֱלִּישֶׁע

c-c Emendation yields "went up and said to him," cf. v. 9.

d Lit. "fifties."

e Brother of Ahaziah.

had set out from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me on to Bethel." "As the LORD lives and as you live," said Elisha, "I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³Disciples of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take your master ^a-away from you-^a today?" He replied, "I know it, too; be silent."

4Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, for the LORD has sent me on to Jericho." "As the LORD lives and as you live," said Elisha, "I will not leave you." So they went on to Jericho. 5The disciples of the prophets who were at Jericho came over to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take your master a-away from you-a today?" He replied, "I know it, too; be silent."

6Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me on to the Jordan." "As the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you," he said, and the two of them went on. 7Fifty men of the disciples of the prophets followed and stood by at a distance from them as the two of them stopped at the Jordan. 8Thereupon Elijah took his mantle and, rolling it up, he struck the water; it divided to the right and left, so that the two of them crossed over on dry land. 9As they were crossing, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" Elisha answered, "Let a b-double portion-b of your spirit pass on to me." 10"You have asked a difficult thing," he said. "If you see me as I am being taken from you, this will be granted to you; if not, it will not." 11 As they kept on walking and talking, a fiery chariot with fiery horses suddenly appeared and separated one from the other; and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. 12Elisha saw it, and he cried out, "Oh, father, father! Israel's chariots and horseמְן־הַגִּלְגֵּל: ¹וַיּאמֶר אֵלּיָּהוּ אֶל־אֱלִישְׁע שֵב־נָא פֹּה כֵּי יְהוָה שְׁלְחַנִי עַד־בִּית־אֵל וַיַּאמֶר אֱלִישָׁע חַי־יְהוָה וְחֵי־נַפְּשְׁךָּ אִם־ אֶעִזְכֵּךְ וַיִּרְדִּוּ בִּית־אֵל: נּוַיֵּצְאוּ בְנִי־ הַנְּבִיאִים אֲשֶׁר־בֵּית*־אַל־ אֶל־אֱלִישְע וַיֹּאמְרְוּ אֵלְיוֹ הֵיָדִיעְתָּ כִּי הַיֹּוֹם יְהוָה לֹקַח אֶת־אָדֹנֵיךְ מַעֵל רֹאשֶׁךְ וַיָּאמֶר גַּם־אֲנִי יַבְעִתִּי הָחֲשִׁוּ:

יניאמֶר לו אַלּיָהוּ אֱלִישְעוּ שֵב־נֶא פֹּה בְּי יְהוָה שְׁלְחַנִי יְרִיחׁוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר חִי־יְהוָה וְחֵי־נַפְּשְׁךָּ אִם־אָעָוְבֶּךְ וַיָּבֻאוּ יְרִיחְוֹ: זּוִיגְשׁוּ בְנֵי־הַנְּבִיאִים אֲשֶׁר־בִּירִיחוֹ אֶל־ אֱלִישְׁע וִיּאמְרְוּ אֵלִיוּ הָיָדַּעְתָּ כִּי הַיּוֹם יְהוָה לֹקַחַ אֶת־אֲדנֶיךְ מֵעַל רֹאשֶׁךְ וַיְּאמֶר גַּם־אַנִי יָדַעִתִּי הָחֲשִׁוּ:

וּיֹאמֶר לוֹ אַלּיָהוּ שַב־נַא פֹה כֵּי יָהוָה' שַׁלְחַנִי הַיַּרְרָּנָה וִיֹּאמֵר חִי־יִהוַה וְחֵי־ וילכוי אם־אעזבר זוַחְמִשִּׁים אִישׁ מִבְּנֵי הַנְּבִיאִים הֶלְכֹּוּ ויעמדו מנגד מרחוק ושניהם עמדו על-הַיַּרַהַן: 8 וַיִּקָח אַליָּהוּ אַת־אַדְּרַתִּוֹ וַיִּגְלֹם וַיָּבֶה אֶת־הַמַּׁיִם וַיֵּחָצָוּ הֵנָּה וָהֲנָּה וַיַּעַבְרוּ שְׁנֵיהֶם בָּחָרֶבֶה: יּנִיְהִי כְעָבְרָם וְאֵׁלֹיָּהוּ אַמֵר אַל־אַלִּישַע שְאַל מָה אַעשָה־לָּךְ בְּטֶרֶם אֶלָּקָח מֵעמָר וַיִּאמֶר אֱלִישָּׁע וַיהִי־ נא פיישנים ברוחה אלי: 10 ויאמר הַקשִית לשאול אם־תראה אתי לקח מאתר יהיילה כן ואם־אין לא יהיה: וו וַיָהָׁי הַמָּה הֹלְכֵים הָלוֹךְ וַדְבָּר וָהְנֵּה רכב־אַשׁ וְסוּסִי אָשׁ וַיַּפַרְדוּ בֵּין שׁנִיהָם וַיַּעַל אַלּיָּהוּ בַּסְעַרָה הַשַּׁמִיִם: 12 וַאֵלִּישַע ראָה והָוּא מִצְעַק אַבִי ו אַבִּי רֶכֶב יִשְׁרָאֵל



a-a Lit. "from your head."

b-b Lit. "two-thirds"; cf. Zech. 13.8.

men!" When he could no longer see him, he grasped his garments and rent them in two.

dropped from him; and he went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴Taking the mantle which had dropped from Elijah, he struck the water and said, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" As he too struck the water, it parted to the right and to the left, and Elisha crossed over. ¹⁵When the disciples of the prophets at Jericho saw him from a distance, they exclaimed, "The spirit of Elijah has settled on Elisha!" And they went to meet him and bowed low before him to the ground.

able men with them. Let them go and look for your master; perhaps the spirit of the LORD has carried him off and cast him upon some mountain or into some valley." "Do not send them," he replied. ¹⁷But they kept pressing him for a long time, until he said, "Send them." So they sent out fifty men, who searched for three days but did not find him. ¹⁸They came back to him while he was still in Jericho; and he said to them, "I told you not to go."

¹⁹The men of the town said to Elisha, "Look, the town is a pleasant place to live in, as my lord can see; but the water is bad and the land causes bereavement." ²⁰He responded, "Bring me a new dish and put salt in it." They brought it to him; ²¹he went to the spring and threw salt into it. And he said, "Thus said the Lord: I heal this water; no longer shall death and bereavement come from it!" ²²The water has remained wholesome to this day, in accordance with the word spoken by Elisha.

²³From there he went up to Bethel. As he was going up the road, some little boys came out of the town and jeered at him, saying, "Go away, baldhead! Go away, baldhead!" ²⁴He turned

וּפֶּרֶשָּׁיו וְלָּא רָאָהוּ עִוֹד וַיַּחֲזֵלְ בִּבְגָּדְיוּ וַיִּקְרַעֵם לִשְׁנַיִם קָרַעִים:

13 נַיָּנֶרֶם אֶת־אַדֶּרֶת אֵלִיָּהוּ אֲשֶׁר נָפְּלֶה מִעְלֵיוּ וַיָּשָׁב וַיִּעֲמִד עַל־שְׂפָת הַיַּרְדֵּן: 14 נִיּפָח אֶת־אַדֶּרֶת אֵלִיָּהוּ אֲשֶׁר־נָפְלֶה מֵעְלְיוֹ וַיַּכֶּה אֶת־הַמִּיִם וַיֹּאמֵּר אַיֵּה יְהוָה אֱלוֹהֵי אֵלְיָהוּ אַף־הְוֹא ו וַיַּכֶּה אֶת־הַמִּיִם 15 נִיּרְאָהוּ בְנָי־הַנְּבִיאִים אֲשֶׁר־בִּירִיחוֹ 15 מַנְּיִרְאָהוּ בְנֵי־הַנְּבִיאִים אֲשֶׁר־בִּירִיחוֹ מִנְּגֶד וַיִּאמְלוּ נְחָה רָוּח אֵלְיָהוּ עַל־אֱלִישֵׁע

וַיָּבֹאוֹ לִקְרָאתוֹ וַיִּשְׁתַחֲוּוּ־לַוֹ אֱרְצָה:

וּיִּאמְרָוּ אֵלָיו הָנֵּה־נָא יֵשׁ־אֶת־עֲבָדֶיךְ הַּ חֲמִשִּׁים אֲנָשִׁים בְּנֵי־חַׁיִל יֵלְכוּ נָא וִיבַקְשְׁוּ אֲרִיּהְ בָּשְׁלֹבֶהוֹ אָרִיּךְ פָּן־נְשְׁאוֹ רְוּחַ יְהֹּוָה וַיַּשְׁלֹבֶהוֹ אָת־אֲלִים אָוֹ בְּאַחַת הגיאות הַגֵּאְיָוֹת בְּיִּאמֶר לָא תִשְׁלְחוּ: זּוּ וַיִּשְּׁלְבוֹ עַד־בְּּאַ תִּיִּ אְלְחוּ: זּוּיִשְּׁלְחוּ חֲמִשִּׁים אִישׁ בְּשׁ וַיִּשְׁלְחוּ חְמִשְׁים אִישׁ בְּיִבְיִם אִישׁ בְּיִבְיִתְוֹ וְיָּאְלְחוּ חְמִשְׁים אִישׁ וַיְּבְּקְשִׁוּ שְׁלְשְׁה־יִמֶים וְלָא מְצָאְהוּ: זּיִבְקְשִׁוּ שְׁלְשְׁה־יִמֶים וְלָא מְצָאְהוּ: זּיִנְיִאְלִיכֶם אַלִּי חְנִּאְלִים אָלִי וְהָוּא ישְׁב בִּירִיחְוֹ וַיְּאֹמֶר אֲלִים חֲלִוֹא יִשְׁב בִּירִיחְוֹ וַיְּאֹמֶר אֲלִים חְלֹּא מְצָאְהוּ: אַלִּין וְהָוּא ישׁב בִּירִיחְוֹ וַיְּאֹב אַנְרוּי אֲלִיכֶם אַל־תַּלְכוּ:

19 ניאמְלוּ אַנְשֵׁי הָעִיר אֶל־אֶלִישְׁע הְנֵּה־ בָּאֲשֶׁר אֲדֹנֶי רֹאֲה נְאָרֶץ מְשַׁבְּלֶת: 20 ניֹאמֶר יְהָאָרֶץ מְשַׁבְּלֶת: 20 ניֹאמֶר יְהָאָרֶץ מְשַׁבְּלֶת: 20 ניֹאמֶר יְהַתִּים רְעָים וְהָאָרֶץ מְשַׁבְּלֶת: 20 ניֹאמֶר יְהַנִּח יִי צְלֹחְית חֲדָשְׁה וְשִׁימוּ שָׁם מֶלַח נִיֹּאמֶר בְּה־אָמֵר יְהֹנְה נִישְׁבֶר יְהֹנְה רָבִּאתִי לַפַּיִם הָאֵלֶה לְא־יִהְיֶה מִשְׁם עֻוֹד רַבִּּאתִי לַפַּיִם הָאֵלֶה לְא־יִהְיֶה מִשְׁם עֻוֹד מִנְיִם מְנִת וִמְשַׁם עֻוֹד הַנִּיִם מָנֶת וּמְשַׁבַ עַד הַיִּוֹם מֵנְת הִיּשְׁם עַד הַיִּוֹם מֵנָת הַיִּים עַד הַיִּוֹם מֵנָת הַיִּים עַד הַיִּוֹם

הַזֶּה בִּדְבַר אֶלִּישָׁע אֲשֶׁר דְּבֵּר: פּ בּיַנִישָל מִשֶּׁם בִּית־אֵל וְהָוּא וּ עֹלֶה בַדְּרֶךְ וּנְעָרֶים קְטַנִּים יָצְאָוּ מִן־הָעִיר וַיִּתְקַלְּסוּ־ בּוֹ וַיָּאמְרוּ לוֹ עֻלֵה קֵרֶח עֲלֵה קַרֶח: בּוֹ וַיָּאמְרוּ לוֹ עֲלֵה קֵרֶח עֲלֵה קִּתְם: בּיַנְקּלְלֵם בְּשֵׁם

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