

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,” ⁴²and 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 down-pour 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

יהוה ענני וידעו העם הַזֶּה כִּי-אַתָּה יהוה האֱלֹהִים וְאַתָּה הַסַּבֵּת אֶת-לִבָּם אַחֲרֵינִי:

³⁸וַתִּפֹּל אֲשֶׁר-יְהוָה וַתֹּאכַל אֶת-הָעֹלָה וְאֶת-הָעֵצִים וְאֶת-הָאֲבָנִים וְאֶת-הָעֶפֶר וְאֶת-הַמֵּיִם אֲשֶׁר-בַּתְּעֹלָה לַחֲכָה: ³⁹וַיִּרְא כָּל-הָעָם וַיִּפְּלוּ עַל-פְּנֵיהֶם וַיֹּאמְרוּ יְהוָה הוּא הָאֱלֹהִים יְהוָה הוּא הָאֱלֹהִים:

⁴⁰וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלֵיהֶם לָהֶם תִּפְּשׁוּ אֶת-נְבִיאֵי הַבַּעַל אִישׁ אֶל-יָמָלְט מֵהֶם וַיִּתְּפְשׂוּם וַיּוֹרְדֵם אֵלֵיהֶם אֶל-נַחַל קִישׁוֹן וַיִּשְׁחָטֵם שָׁם:

⁴¹וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלֵיהֶם לְאַחָב עֲלֶה אֲכַל וּשְׁתֶּה בִּי-קוֹל הַמֶּזֶן הַגָּשָׁם: ⁴²וַיַּעֲלֶה אַחָב לֶאֱכֹל וּלְשִׁתּוֹת וְאֵלֵיהֶם עָלָה אֶל-רֹאשׁ הַכַּרְמֶל וַיִּגָּהֶר אַרְצָה וַיִּשָּׁם פָּנָיו בֵּין בְּרֻכּוֹ בְּרַכּוֹ: ⁴³וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל-נַעֲרֹ עֲלֶה-נָּא הִבֵּט דְּרָרִיִּם וַיַּעַל וַיִּבֵּט וַיֹּאמֶר אֵין מְאוּמָה וַיֹּאמֶר שֶׁב שֶׁבַע פַּעַמִּים: ⁴⁴וַיְהִי בַשְּׁבַעִית וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה-עַב קָטָנָה בְּכַף-אִישׁ עָלָה מֵיָם וַיֹּאמֶר עָלָה אָמַר אֶל-אַחָב אָסֹר וָרֹד וְלֹא יַעֲצֹרְכָה* הַגָּשָׁם: ⁴⁵וַיְהִי אֶדְרֵכָה וְעַד־כָּה וְהַשְּׁמַיִם הִתְקַדְּרוּ עֲבִים וְרוּחַ וַיְהִי גֶשֶׁם גָּדוֹל וַיִּרְכַּב אַחָב וַיֵּלֶךְ יִזְרְעֶאלָה: ⁴⁶וַיֵּד-יְהוָה הִיטָה אֶל-אֵלֵיהֶם וַיִּשְׁנֶם מִתְּנִיּוֹ וַיִּרְץ לִפְנֵי אַחָב עַד-בְּאֶכָה יִזְרְעֶאלָה:

יט וַיַּגֵּד אַחָב לְאִיזָבֵל אֵת כָּל-אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה אֵלֵיהֶם וְאֵת כָּל-אֲשֶׁר הִרְגָה אֶת-כָּל-הַנְּבִיאִים בַּחֲרָב: ²וַתִּשְׁלַח אִיזָבֵל מִלְאָךְ אֶל-אֵלֵיהֶם לֵאמֹר כֹּה-יַעֲשׂוּן אֱלֹהִים וְכֹה

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.”