

THE DAYS OF ELIJAH

A STILL SMALL VOICE

1 Kings 19 v 1-18



Jezreel

Samaria

Ecclesiastes 4 v 9-12

- ▣ 'Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up. Again if two lie together, they are warm; but how can one be warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.'

THE BROOM TREE

- ▣ 'Through want and hard hunger they gnaw the dry and desolate ground; they pick mallow and leaves of bushes, and to warm themselves the roots of the BROOM.' Job 30 v 3-4
- ▣ 'In my distress I cry to the LORD, that he may answer me; 'Deliver me from lying lips, from a deceitful tongue.' What shall be given to you? And what more shall be done to you, you deceitful tongue? A warrior's sharp arrows, with glowing coals of the BROOM tree!' Ps 120 v 1-4



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- ▣ Elijah, 1 Ki 19 v 4, 'It is enough; NOW O LORD, TAKE AWAY MY LIFE, for I am no BETTER than my fathers.'
- ▣ Jonah, 4 v 3, 'Therefore NOW O LORD, TAKE AWAY MY LIFE FROM ME, I beseech you, for it is BETTER for me to die than to live.'

‘An angel TOUCHED him’, v 5

- ▣ Gen 32 v 25, ‘When the man saw he did not prevail against Jacob, he TOUCHED the hollow of his thigh;’
- ▣ Isa 6 v 7, ‘And he TOUCHED my mouth and said; ‘Behold this has TOUCHED your lips, your guilt is taken away, and your sin forgiven.’
- ▣ Jer 1 v 9, ‘Then the LORD put forth his hand and TOUCHED my mouth;’
- ▣ Dan 8 v 18, ‘but he TOUCHED me and set me on my feet.’

HOT STONES, v 6

- ▣ Heb, 'retseph', unique
- ▣ Heb, 'resheph', Deut 32 v 24, Ps 76 v 3, Song 8 v 6, Hab 3 v 5, 'it never goes out'.
- ▣ Heb, 'ritspah', Isa 6 v 6, 'burning coal', not a coal, as Lev 16 v 12.
- ▣ 2 Chron 7 v 3, 'pavement', fire from heaven.

'What are doing here Elijah?'

- ▣ 'I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, slain your prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek MY life, to take it away.' v 10



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- ▣ Still, Heb, 'demanah'
- ▣ Eliphaz, 'Now a word was brought to me stealthily, my ear received the whisper of it. It stood still, but I could not discern its appearance. A form was before my eyes; there was SILENCE, then I heard a voice: 'Can mortal man be righteous before God? Job 4 v 12, 16, 17.'

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- ▣ Still, Heb, 'demanah'
- ▣ Ps 107 v 23-32
- ▣ 'They cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; he made the storm STILL, and the waves of the sea were hushed.' v 28-29
- ▣ Matt 8 v 23-27
- ▣ 'What sort of man is this?'
- ▣ 'Peace! Be still!', Mk 4 v 39

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- ▣ Small, Heb, 'daq'
- ▣ Gen 41 v 3, etc, 'thin cows and ears of corn'
- ▣ Ex 16 v 14, the manna, 'a small thing'
- ▣ 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'
Matt 4 v 4

'DO IT', Deut 30 v 11-14

- ▣ 'For this commandment which I command you this day is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up for us to heaven, and bring it to us, that we may hear it and DO IT?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us, and bring it to us, that we may hear it and DO IT?' But the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can DO IT.'

'DO IT'

- ▣ 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus;'
- ▣ 'and when you arrive,'
- ▣ 'Anoint, Hazael, Jehu and Elisha'.
- ▣ 'Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.' v 18

1 COR 3 v 5-7

- ▣ 'What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through who you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth (increase). So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth (increase).'

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- ▣ 'Peace! Be Still!'