

# HEROES OF THE FAITH

## ELIJAH: From Mountaintop to Valley

1 Kings 19

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**WORSHIP:** "...THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF HUMAN EXISTENCE,  
& THE CHIEF END OF MAN."

### ➤ Mount Carmel (18:20-40)

- ❖ The chief end of God – He \_\_\_\_\_ Himself. (18:20-39)
- ❖ God was victorious. (v. 39)
- ❖ Elijah's faith & trust in God led him to a spiritual mountain top (chap. 18).
- ❖ Ahab, Baal, Asherah, & Satan were soundly defeated. (vv. 39-40)
- ❖ LORD - יהוה - \_\_\_\_\_ ; אלהים \_\_\_\_\_
- ❖ Only God could bring the rain. (18:41-45)

### ➤ The hammer fell. (vv. 1-3)

- ❖ Ahab told the queen about the day's events. (v. 1)
- ❖ God was glorified. Satan diminished. Elijah won. False prophets lost.
- ❖ Jezebel responded. (v. 2)

She threatened to murder Elijah by sundown the next day.

The true ruler of the kingdom had stepped up.

Sequence of spiritual warfare shown.



- 1) Character assaults.
- 2) Verbal threats and innuendo.
- 3) Physical harm.

### ❖ Elijah reacted. (vv. 3-8)

Fear gripped him. (v. 3)

He ran for his life. {see map}

✿ Ministry is hard. Elijah broke the cardinal rule of life. "*What was it?*"

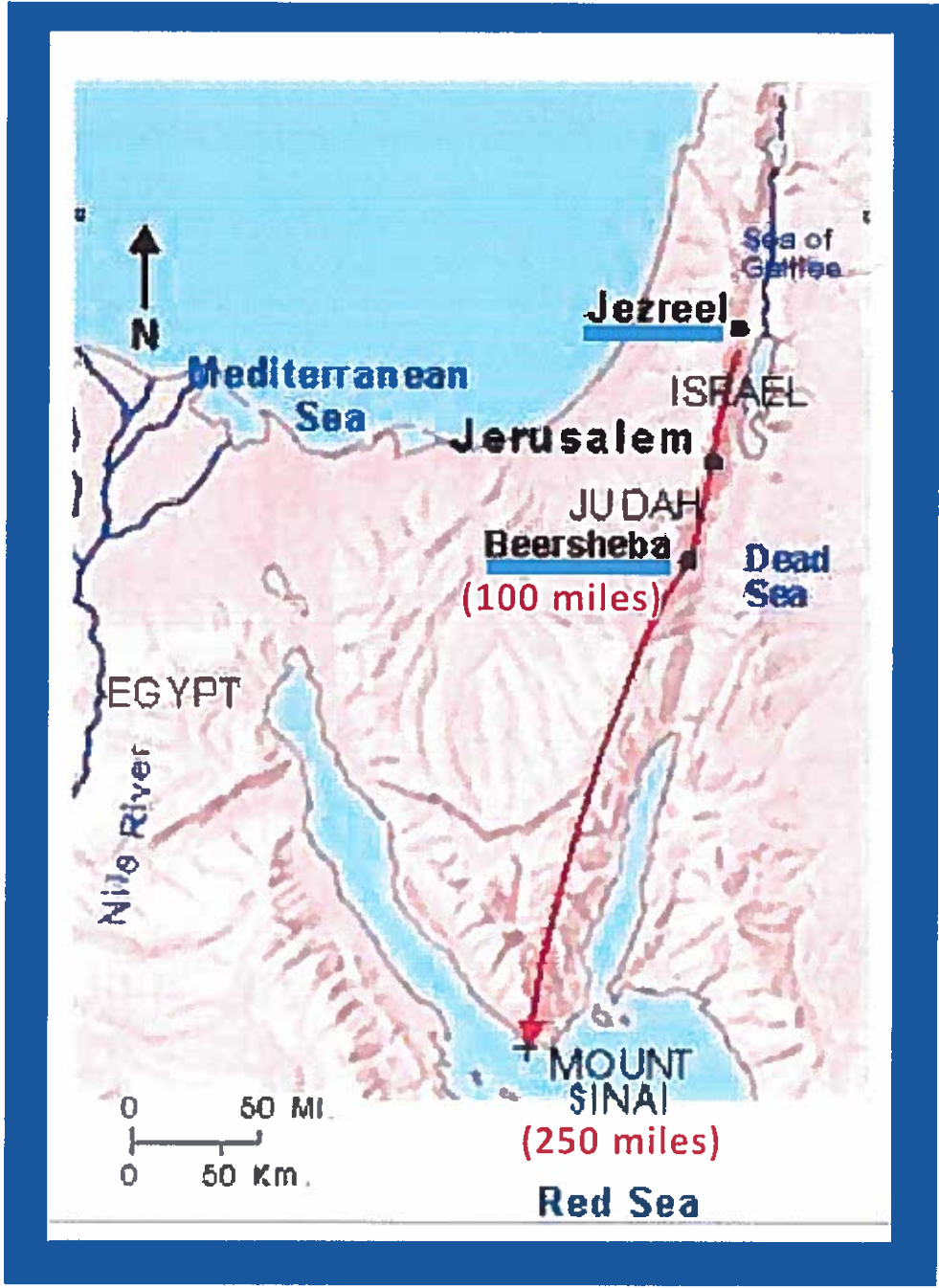
He, and his servant, traveled 100 miles south to Beersheba – the southern boundary of Judah's population {see map}.

Exhausted, tired, mentally spent, he traveled further. (v. 4)

God sent an angel to intervene, & minister to him. (vv. 5-7)

✿ He traveled 40 more days and nights to Mount Sinai {see map}.  
"*Why?*" (v. 8)





➤ God spoke to Elijah. (vv. 9-18)

❖ Elijah found a cave on Mount Sinai. (v. 9)

❖ He hid. He rested. He waited.

❖ God spoke. He asked a most telling question. (vv. 9, 13)

❖ Spiritual warfare is exhausting. Taxing. Revealing. (v. 10)

Elijah had forgotten God's victory at Mount Carmel.

Elijah had forgotten about Israel's revival at Mount Carmel.

Elijah had forgotten God resurrected a dead child at Zarephath.

Elijah had forgotten how God miraculously fed him in the desert.

Instead, he only saw Israel's apostasy.

Instead, he only saw Jezebel's resistance to God, & her threat towards him.

Remember, Obadiah (18:3-4). Look forward to God's comments. (v. 18)

Lessons Learned

1. You must spend time with God daily.

2. You must remain in prayer before God.

3. You must trust God.

4. You must remain accountable to other Christian leaders.

5. You cannot isolate yourself in ministry.

6. Fatigue makes cowards of us all.

❖ YAHWEH passed by. (vv. 11-13)

"Do you know God well enough to recognize Him when He speaks?"

In the midst of chaos, Elijah recognized God, & responded. (vv. 12-13)

❖ Elijah responded to God. (v. 14)

❖ Once again, God gave Elijah purpose (a three-fold) and direction. (vv. 15-17)

❖ God revealed to Elijah he was not alone. (v. 18)

➤ God called Elisha to serve as His new prophet. (vv. 19-21)

❖ God led Elijah ("The Lord, He is God.") to Elisha ("God saves."). (v. 19)

❖ Recognize Elisha's willingness to follow God, and, serve Elijah. (v. 20)

❖ NOTE: The role of discipleship in the passing of leadership.

❖ "...kiss..." (v. 20)

This Hebrew word is found only once in 1 & 2 Kings.

Speaks to allegiance; symbolizes abandonment.

Elisha has abandoned his parents to follow the Lord; and, serve Him.

❖ Elisha honored his parents. Then, he obediently followed his Lord (v. 21).



