

Eliyahu: The Last Story

Kings 1, 32, 52- Kings 2, 2, 13

(52) Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and he reigned two years over Israel.

(53) And he did that which was evil in the sight of Hashem, 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.

(54) And he served Baal, and worshipped him, and provoked Hashem, the God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

(1) And Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

(2) And Ahaziah fell down through the lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria and was sick; and he sent messengers, and he said to them, "Go, inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover from this sickness."

(3) But an angel of Hashem said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you go to inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron?'

(4) Now therefore thus says Hashem: You shall not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'" And Elijah departed.

(5) And the messengers returned to him, and he said to them, "Why is it that you have returned?"

(6) And they said to him, "A man came up to meet us, and he said to us, 'Go, return to the king that sent you, and say to him, 'Thus says Hashem: Is it because there is no God in Israel that you send to inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed upon which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'"

(7) And he said to them, "What was the manner of the man that came up to meet you and told you these words?"

(8) And they answered him, "**He was a hairy man** and girded with a leather belt about his hips." And he said, "**It is Elijah the Tishbite.**"

(9) Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him; and, behold, he sat on the top of the hill. And he spoke to him, "O man of God, the king has said, 'Come down.'"

(10) And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." And fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

(11) And again he sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said to him, "O man of God, thus the king has said, 'Come down **quickly.**'"

(12) And Elijah answered and said to them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." And the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

(13) And again he sent the captain of a third שלשים fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said to him, "O man of God, please, may my life and the life of these fifty your servants be precious in your sight.

(14) Behold, fire came down from heaven and consumed the first two captains of fifty with their fifties; but now let my life be precious in your sight'.

(15) And the angel of Hashem said to Elijah, "Go down with him; do not be afraid of him." And he arose and went down with him to the king.

(16) And he said to him, "Thus says Hashem, 'Since you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron, – is there is no God in Israel to inquire of His word? – therefore you shall not come down from the bed upon which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'

(17) So he died according to the word of Hashem which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram began to reign in his stead in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son.

(18) Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

(1) And it came to pass, when Hashem was to take Elijah up by a whirlwind into heaven, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

(2) And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for Hashem has sent me as far as Beth-el." And Elisha said, "As Hashem lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So they went down to Beth-el.

(3) And the sons of the prophets that were at Beth-el came forth to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that Hashem will take away your master from your head today?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; be still."

(4) And Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for Hashem has sent me to Jericho." And he said, "As Hashem lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho.

(5) And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that Hashem will take away your master from your head today?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; be still."

(6) And Elijah said to him, "Please, stay here, for Hashem has sent me to the Jordan." And he said, "As Hashem lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." And the two of them went on.

(7) And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood opposite them, at a distance, and the two of them stood by the Jordan.

(8) And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided here and there, so that they two went over on dry ground.

(9) And it came to pass when they had gone over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me."

(10) And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so."

(11) And it came to pass, as they were going and talking, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire and horses of fire, which separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

(12) And Elisha saw it, and he cried, "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more; and he took hold of his clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Epilogue:

(13) He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and he went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan.

(14) And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, "Where is Hashem, the God of Elijah?" And when he also had smitten the waters, they were divided here and there; and Elisha went over.

1. Zechariya, 13, 4:

In that day, every "prophet" will be ashamed of the "visions" [he had] when he "prophesied." In order to deceive, he will not wear a hairy mantle.

2. Shmuel 1, 19, 20-21:

And Saul sent messengers to take David; and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as head over them, the spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. And when it was told to Saul, he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also prophesied.

3. Metzudat David, on verse 3:

From you head: as if Eliyahu was a crown on Elisha's head and G-d will remove this crown from his head.

4. Rashi on verse 3:

Your master. But [Scripture does] not [state,] "our master." This teaches [us] that they were equal to Eliyahu (I.e., their level of prophecy was equal to Eliyahu's).

5. **Kings 1, 16, 33-34:**

And Ahab made the Asherah; and Ahab did yet more to provoke Hashem, the God of Israel, than all the kings of Israel that were before him. In his days **Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho**; with Abiram his firstborn he laid its foundation, and with his youngest son Segub he set up its gates, according to the word of Hashem which He spoke by the hand of Joshua the son of Nun.

6. **Bereshit, 28, 8:**

Avraham took the wood for the offering and placed it on his son, Yitzchak, and he took the fire and the knife in his hand, and the **two went together**.

7. **Shmot 20, 17:**

The people stayed at a **distance**, and Moshe drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

8. **Rashi on verse 12:**

My father, my father! Chariot of Yisroel. My endeared teacher who is better for Yisroel with his prayers than chariots and horsemen.

9. **Malbin on verser 12:**

Chariot of Yisroel. As if all the people of Yisrael are riding this chariot, since Eliyahu is equal to all Yisrael,

10. **Malachi, 3, 23-24:**

(23) Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of Hashem comes.

(24) He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."





He who makes a distinction between the holy
and the every-day
May he nullify our sins.
May he multiply our offspring and our wealth
(some say: our peace) like the sand and like the
stars in the night.

For the sake of my beloved, Eliyahu the Prophet
Lich'vod chemdat levavi, Eliyahu Hanavi.

The day has passed like the shadow of a Palm
tree.
I call out to God, over me complete
the watchman says "Morning comes and also
night".

For the sake of my beloved, Eliyahu the Prophet
Lich'vod chemdat levavi, Eliyahu Hanavi.

Your righteous ness is like Mt Tabor
May you pass over my failings
Like yesterday which is gone
And like a Watch in the night

For the sake of my beloved, Eliyahu the Prophet
Lich'vod chemdat levavi, Eliyahu Hanavi.

May this house be blessed by the prophet
So that our G-d will keep it safe every day and
night

For the sake of my beloved, Eliyahu the Prophet
Lich'vod chemdat levavi, Eliyahu Hanavi.

HaMavdil Bein Kodesh L'Chol, Chatoseinu Hu
yimchol, zareinu v'chaspeinu (ushlomeinu)
yarbeh kachol, v'chakochavim balaylah
Lich'vod chemdat levavi, Eliyahu Hanavi.

Yom panah k'tzel tomer, ekra la'El alay gomer,
amar shomer, asa boker v'gam laylah.
Lich'vod chemdat levavi, Eliyahu Hanavi.

Tzikdas'cha k'har tavor, al chata'ai avor
ta'avor, k'yom esmol ki ya'avor v'ashmura
balaylah.
Lich'vod chemdat levavi, Eliyahu Hanavi.

Yevorach Ha'bait haze Mipi Navi VeGam
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