

## Grace in Discouragement (1 Kings 17-19)



### God's Grace vs. Elijah's Discouragement

1. Ravens provide for Elijah at the beginning of the drought (Scene 3: 17:2-7).
2. A widow with one meal left provides for Elijah until the end of the drought (Scene 4: 17:8-16).
3. YHWH answers Elijah's prayer to raise the widow's son from the dead (Scene 5: 17:17-24).
4. YHWH announces the drought's end to Elijah (Scene 6: 18:1-6)... indicating the end of Baal worship for now.
5. Obadiah informs Elijah that he protected one-hundred YHWH prophets (Scene 7: 18:7-15).
6. Elijah orders King Ahab to gather the Baal prophets at Mt. Carmel (Scene 8: 18:16-19)... yet Ahab doesn't kill him.
7. **Elijah claims, "I—I alone—am left of YHWH's prophets."** (Scene 9: 18:22)
8. YHWH answers Elijah's prayer to turn the people back to the Lord by dramatically lighting the offering fire (Scene 12: 18:36-39).
9. The people prove their allegiance to YHWH by seizing the Baal prophets (Scene 13: 18:40).
10. YHWH answers Elijah's prayer to end the drought and YHWH's Spirit enables Elijah to run from Mt. Carmel to Jezreel—faster than a chariot (Scene 14: 18:41-46).
11. **Elijah runs for his life to Beersheba of Judah, because Jezebel threatens—by her gods—to kill him** (Scene 15: 19:2-3).
12. **Elijah prays, "O YHWH, take away my life!"** (Scene 15: 19:4-5a)
13. An angel from YHWH provides food and water for Elijah twice (Scene 15: 19:5b-7).
14. YHWH sustains Elijah during his 40-night-and-day journey in the wilderness to Mt Sinai (Scene 15: 19:8), giving Elijah ample time to reflect.
15. YHWH checks Elijah's perspective by asking, "Why are you here, Elijah?" (Scene 16: 19:9)
16. **Elijah claims, "I—I alone—am left. The people forsook your covenant and they seek my life."** (Scene 16: 19:10)
17. YHWH displays his power through wind, earthquake, and fire. Then he reveals his presence with a whisper (Scene 16: 19:11-12).
18. YHWH checks Elijah's perspective by asking, "Why are you here, Elijah?" (Scene 16: 19:13)
19. **Elijah claims, "I—I alone—am left. The people forsook your covenant and they seek my life."** (Scene 16: 19:14)
20. YHWH gives Elijah three final tasks: (1) anoint Hazael king over Syria; (2) anoint Jehu king over Israel; (3) anoint Elisha as prophet in your place (Scene 17: 19:15-16).
21. YHWH reveals he kept 7,000 Israelites from worshipping Baal.

### Elijah's Disobedience

22. **Elijah does not go to Syria as YHWH ordered** (Scene 18: 19:19a).
23. **Elijah does not anoint Elisha, but reluctantly "cloaks" him as his replacement** (Scene 18: 19:19b).
24. **Elijah does not anoint Hazael**, but Elisha tells Hazael that he will be king (2 Kings 8:7-15).
25. **Elijah does not anoint Jehu**, so Elisha sends a prophet to anoint him (2 Kings 9:1-10).

### God's Grace

26. YHWH doesn't take Elijah's life...ever. Elijah went to heaven in a whirlwind (2 Kings 2:9-12).
27. Elijah and Moses are present at Jesus' transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-4).