

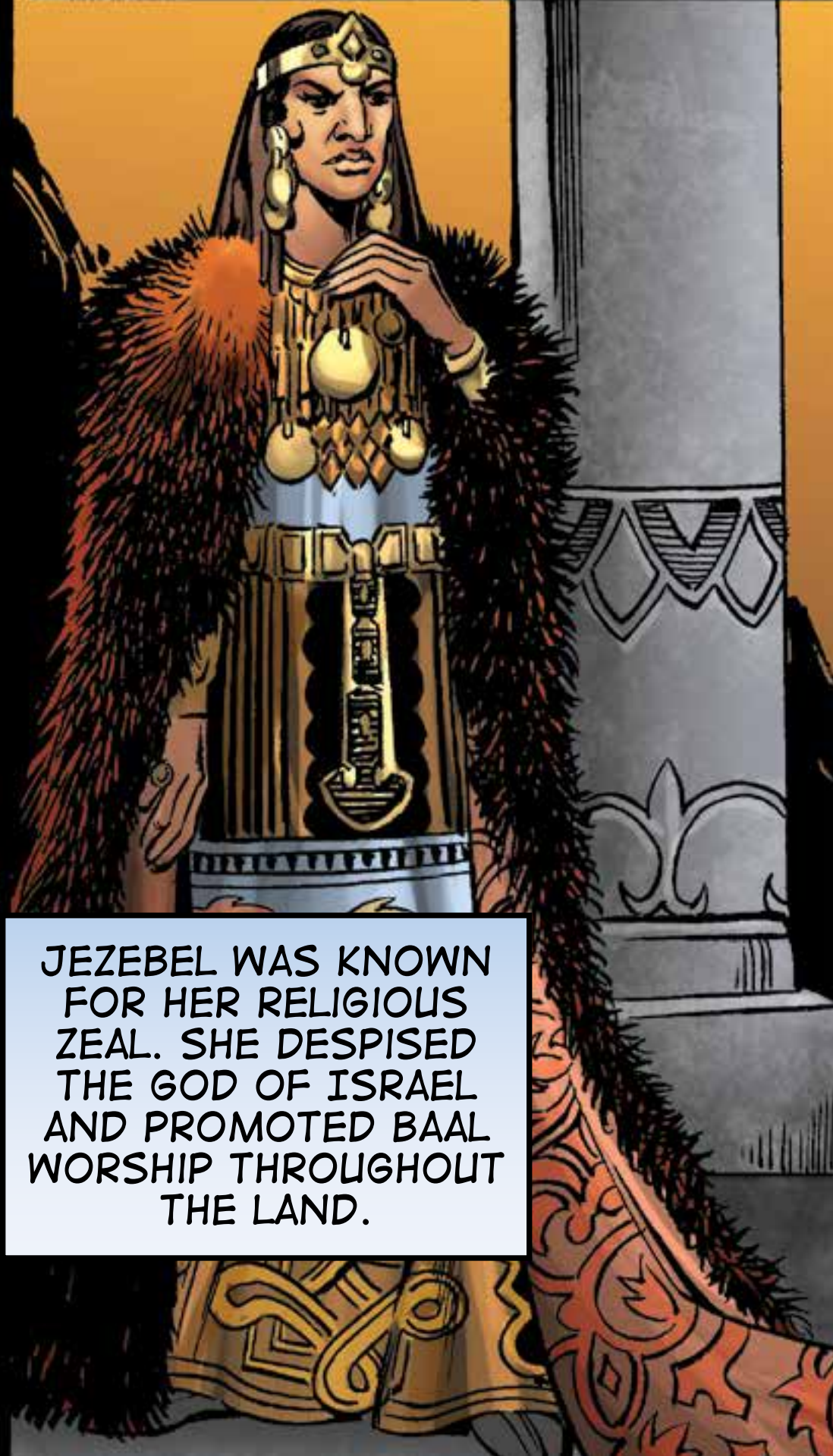


CHAPTER 6

ELIJAH



THERE WAS A WEAK MAN NAMED AHAB WHO CAME TO THE THRONE OF ISRAEL, THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE KINGDOM (918 B.C.). HE LIVED UP IN SAMARIA CLOSE TO THE ZIDONIANS. THE ZIDONIANS WERE BAAL WORSHIPERS. AHAB MARRIED JEZEBEL, THE DAUGHTER OF ONE OF PRIESTS OF BAAL.



JEZEBEL WAS KNOWN FOR HER RELIGIOUS ZEAL. SHE DESPISED THE GOD OF ISRAEL AND PROMOTED BAAL WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE LAND.



FIND ALL THE
PROPHETS OF
JEHOVAH AND *KILL*
THEM. *BAAL* WILL
BE OUR GOD.

THE KING HAD A SERVANT
NAMED OBADIAH WHO
WORSHIPED JEHOVAH.

I MUST FIND
THE PROPHETS OF
GOD AND WARN THEM.

OBADIAH HID 100 PROPHETS
IN A CAVE AND BROUGHT
THEM FOOD AND WATER.



1 KINGS 16:28, 31, 18:4




BUT THERE WAS ONE
PROPHET OF THE LIVING
GOD THAT WOULDN'T
STAY HIDDEN: ELIJAH.



O KING AHAB,
BECAUSE YOU HAVE
FORSAKEN THE GOD
OF YOUR FATHERS AND
FOLLOWED YOUR WIFE
JEZEBEL IN WORKING
WICKEDNESS, JEHOVAH
SAYS THERE WILL NOT BE
RAIN OR DEW UPON THE
LAND OF ISRAEL AGAIN
UNTIL **I** COMMAND IT.

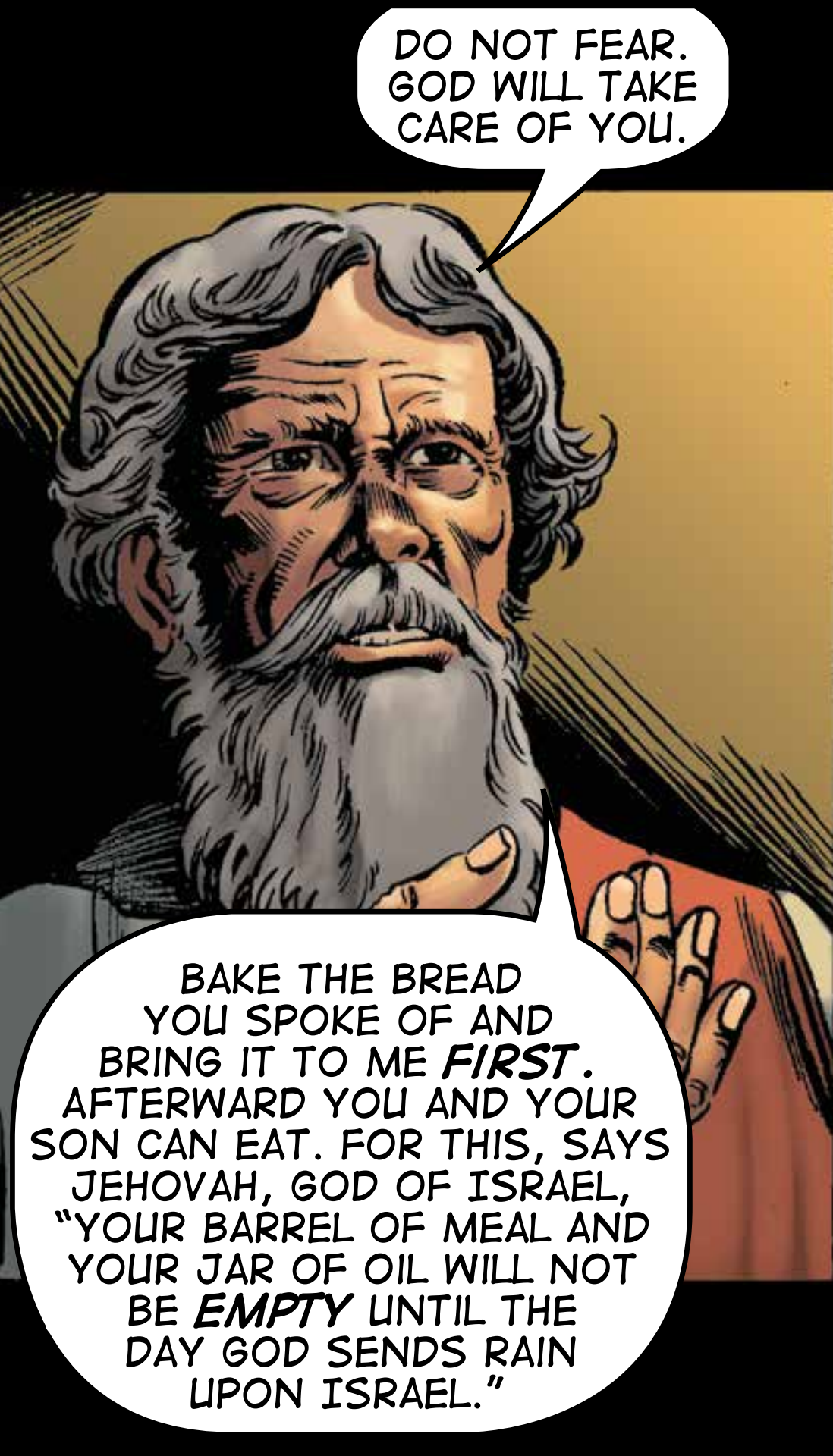
HA, HA! SO YOU THINK
YOU ARE A PROPHET, DO
YOU? WELL I HAVE A **THOUSAND**
PROPHETS AND THEY SAY NOTHING
OF A DROUGHT. WE HAVE HAD PLENTY
OF RAIN THESE LAST YEARS. YOU
PIOUS FRAUD. GET OUT OF MY WAY.

AS THE FAMINE GOT WORSE, PEOPLE BEGAN TO STARVE. THE FALSE PROPHETS CALLED ON BAAL, BUT BAAL COULD NOT ANSWER. THE DROUGHT CONTINUED WITH NOT A DROP OF RAIN OR DEW. GOD SENT ELIJAH DOWN TO THE HOME OF A WIDOW WOMAN, TELLING HIM THAT SHE WOULD GIVE HIM A ROOM AND FEED HIM UNTIL THE DROUGHT WAS OVER.



COULD YOU BRING ME A DRINK OF WATER PLEASE, AND A LITTLE BREAD TO EAT?

I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I HAVE ENOUGH FLOUR AND OIL LEFT TO BAKE TWO LITTLE PIECES OF BREAD. I WAS JUST ABOUT TO COOK IT FOR MY SON AND I. WE WERE GOING TO EAT IT AND THEN LIE DOWN TO DIE. THERE IS NO HOPE. GOD IS PUNISHING US FOR OUR SINS.



DO NOT FEAR.
GOD WILL TAKE
CARE OF YOU.

BAKE THE BREAD
YOU SPOKE OF AND
BRING IT TO ME **FIRST**.
AFTERWARD YOU AND YOUR
SON CAN EAT. FOR THIS, SAYS
JEHOVAH, GOD OF ISRAEL,
"YOUR BARREL OF MEAL AND
YOUR JAR OF OIL WILL NOT
BE **EMPTY** UNTIL THE
DAY GOD SENDS RAIN
UPON ISRAEL."

IT'S
TRUE! THERE
IS STILL FLOUR
IN MY BARREL,
AND OIL IN
THE JAR!



1 KINGS 17:1, 10-16

**WE CAN'T
POUR IT ALL OUT!
IT JUST KEEPS
COMING!**


**IT'S A
MIRACLE!
GOD IS
GOOD.**

FOR THE NEXT TWO
YEARS, THE THREE
OF THEM ATE BREAD
FROM THAT ONE
BARREL OF MEAL.

ONE DAY ELIJAH CAME HOME TO HIS ROOM IN THE WIDOW'S HOUSE TO FIND THAT HER SON HAD DIED.



HE CAME DOWN WITH A FEVER AND *DIED!*



WHAT HAVE I DONE
TO *HURT* YOU? DID YOU
COME HERE JUST TO REMIND
ME OF MY *SIN* AND FOR GOD
TO *KILL* MY SON?


THERE IS
STILL A GOD
IN ISRAEL.

O JEHOVAH,
LET THE SOUL OF THIS CHILD
COME **BACK** INTO HIS
BODY.





GOD HEARD THE
PRAYER OF ELIJAH AND
SENT THE BOY'S SOUL
BACK TO REENTER
THE DEAD BODY.



THANK YOU,
LORD GOD OF
ABRAHAM, ISAAC,
AND JACOB. YOU
ALONE ARE
GOD.

I TOLD YOU
THERE WAS A GOD
IN ISRAEL.

**MY
SON!**

1 KINGS 17:17-24

THE FAMINE CONTINUED FOR THREE YEARS. THE PEOPLE WERE STARVING, BUT THEY CONTINUED TO WORSHIP THE FALSE GOD BAAL.



WHY DOESN'T BAAL HEAR US AND SEND RAIN?

MAYBE BAAL IS JUST A *DUMB IDOL*. HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY *EARS*.

JEZEBEL AND AHAB BLAMED ELIJAH FOR THE FAMINE. THEY SENT SOLDIERS THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND AND EVEN INTO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES TO FIND ELIJAH. THEIR ORDERS WERE TO KILL HIM ON SIGHT.



SEND US
ELIJAH. IF YOU
ARE HIDING HIM
YOU WILL BE
KILLED.



AHAB. ARE YOU LOOKING FOR ME?

ARE YOU THE ONE THAT IS TROUBLING ISRAEL WITH THIS **FAMINE?**

YOU ARE THE ONE THAT IS TROUBLING ISRAEL WITH YOUR **IDOLS**. LET US HAVE A **CONTEST** BETWEEN JEHOVAH AND BAAL. BRING YOUR **850** PROPHETS AND MEET ME AT MOUNT **CARMEL**.

A CONTEST YOU SAY? SOUNDS **INTERESTING**. WE'LL SEE YOU THERE.



SEVERAL DAYS LATER
ON MOUNT CARMEL.

HOW LONG ARE YOU
GOING TO STAND BETWEEN TWO
OPINIONS? THERE IS ONLY **ONE GOD**.
IF **JEHOVAH** IS GOD, THEN WORSHIP HIM
ONLY. IF **BAAL** IS GOD, THEN WORSHIP
HIM. MAKE UP YOUR MINDS.

I CHALLENGE YOU
PROPHETS OF BAAL
TO A CONTEST. WE WILL
FIND OUT WHO IS THE
TRUE GOD.

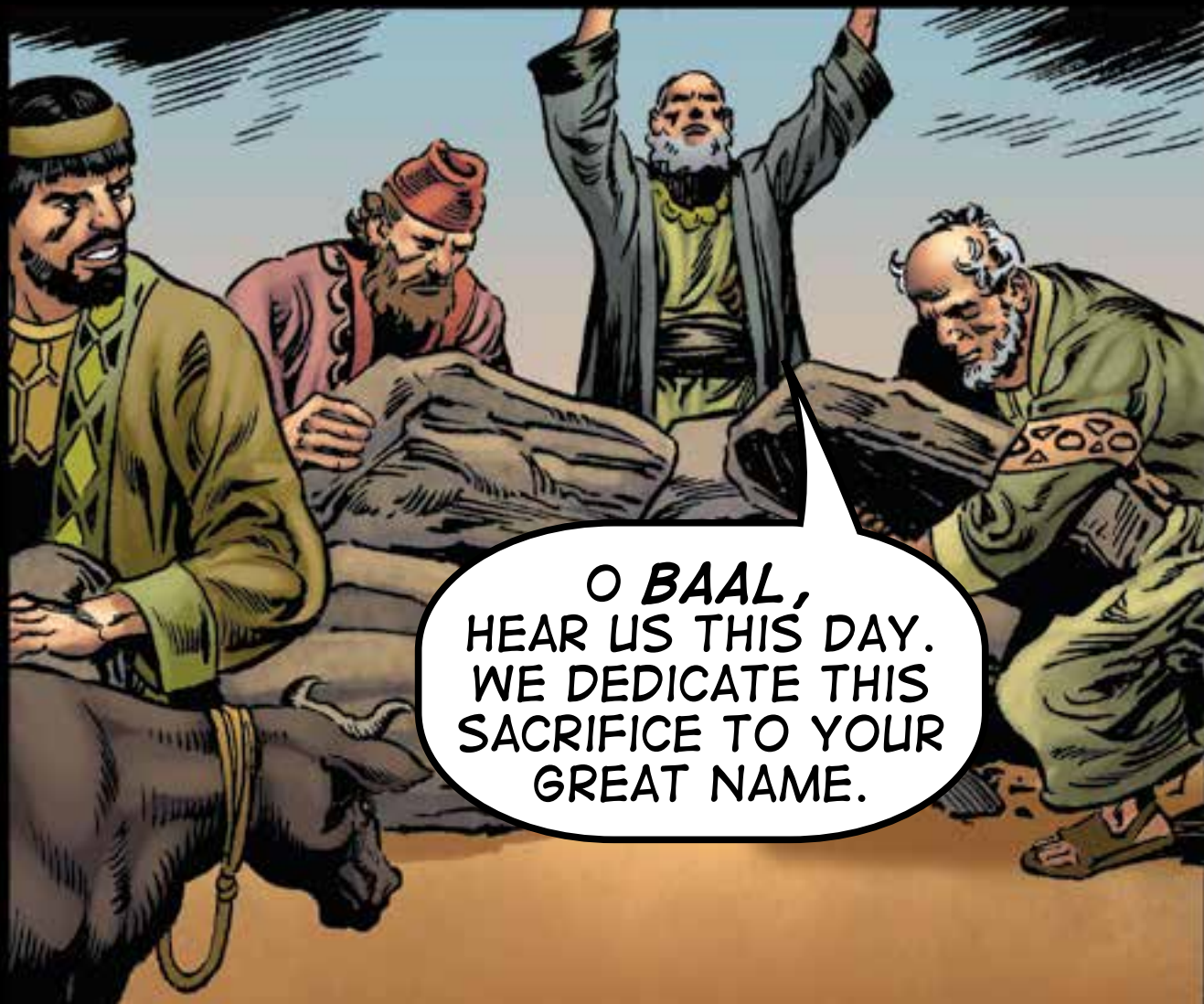
YES, A
CONTEST BETWEEN
THE GODS. WHAT
SHALL WE DO?

1 KINGS 18:1, 17-21

YOU WILL PRAY TO YOUR **BAAL** AND I WILL PRAY TO **JEHOVAH**. THE GOD THAT ANSWERS BY SENDING **FIRE** ON THE SACRIFICE WILL BE THE **TRUE GOD** AND WE WILL ALL WORSHIP HIM ONLY. SINCE YOU HAVE ME OUTNUMBERED, YOU CAN GO **FIRST**.

YOU BUILD AN ALTAR TO **BAAL** AND I WILL BUILD ONE TO **JEHOVAH**. WE WILL PUT WOOD ON OUR ALTARS AND WE WILL LAY THE SACRIFICE ON THE WOOD, BUT WE WILL PUT **NO FIRE UNDER IT**.






O *BAAL*,
HEAR US THIS DAY.
WE DEDICATE THIS
SACRIFICE TO YOUR
GREAT NAME.



O BAAL,
THE *GREAT*
AND *MIGHTY*.

O *QUEEN*
OF HEAVEN,
COME AND
HELP BAAL
THIS DAY.



IF BAAL IS A GOD, HE IS NOT PAYING ATTENTION TO YOU. MAYBE HE IS **TALKING** AND JUST CAN'T HEAR YOU, OR PERHAPS HE IS ON A **JOURNEY**, OR **SLEEPING**.

YOU DIRTY, %!?!\$!, YOU CAN'T DO ANY BETTER.

1 KINGS 18:22-27

THAT'S IT! HE IS
ASLEEP, AND YOU NEED
TO SHOUT LOUDER SO
YOU CAN **WAKE** HIM.

LET'S NOT GIVE
UP, MEN. PERHAPS IF
WE **CUT** OURSELVES,
BAAL WILL BE
PLEASED.

THE PROPHETS OF BAAL BECAME DESPERATE AND BEGAN TO THROW THEMSELVES ON THE GROUND, CUTTING THEIR FLESH AND SCREAMING SO BAAL WOULD HEAR THEM.

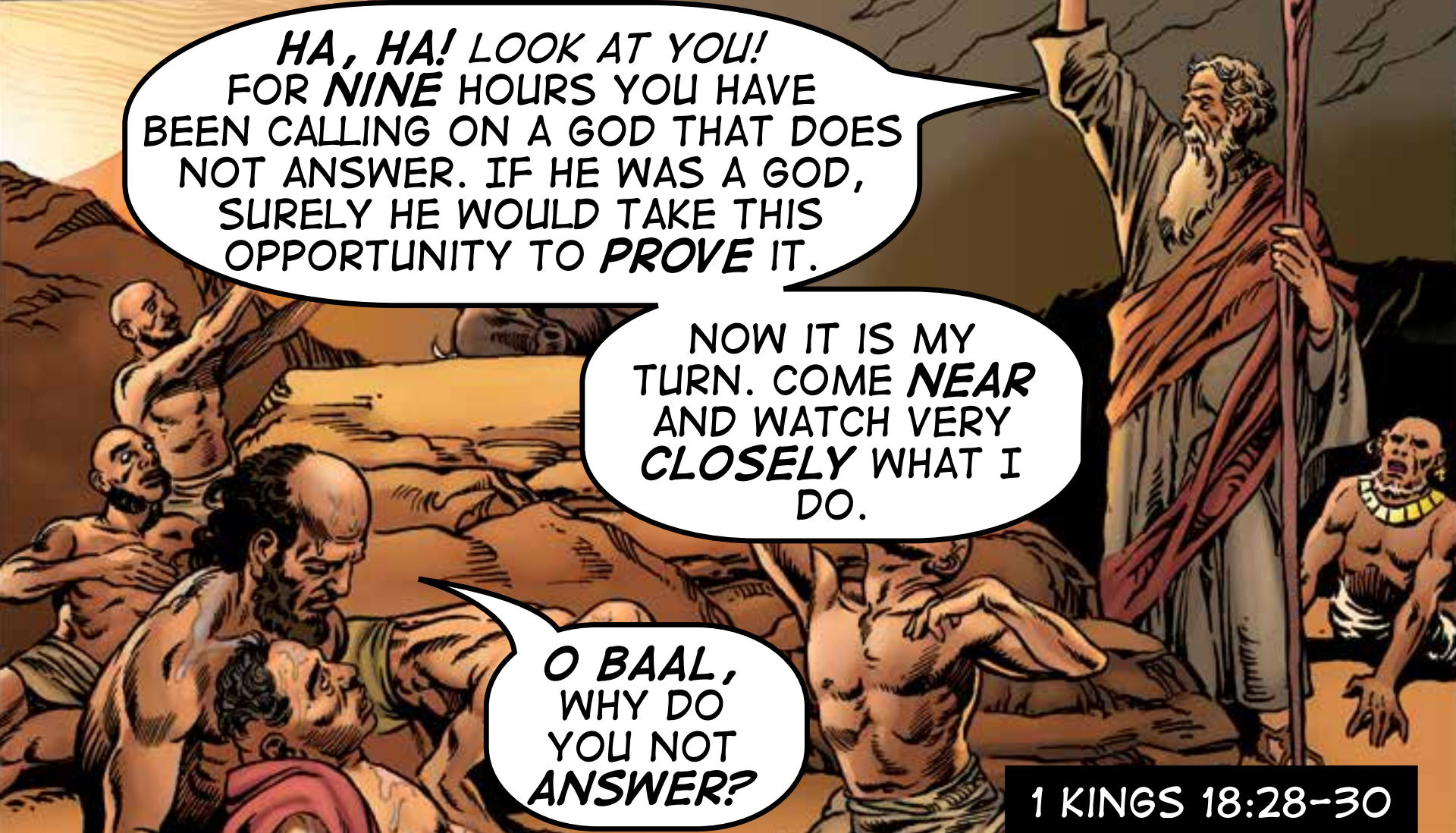
Elllll!

AAAAAAAHH!

I OFFER YOU MY BLOOD, O BAAL. HEAR US! SEND FIRE! **VINDICATE YOURSELF!**

YAAIIIEEE!



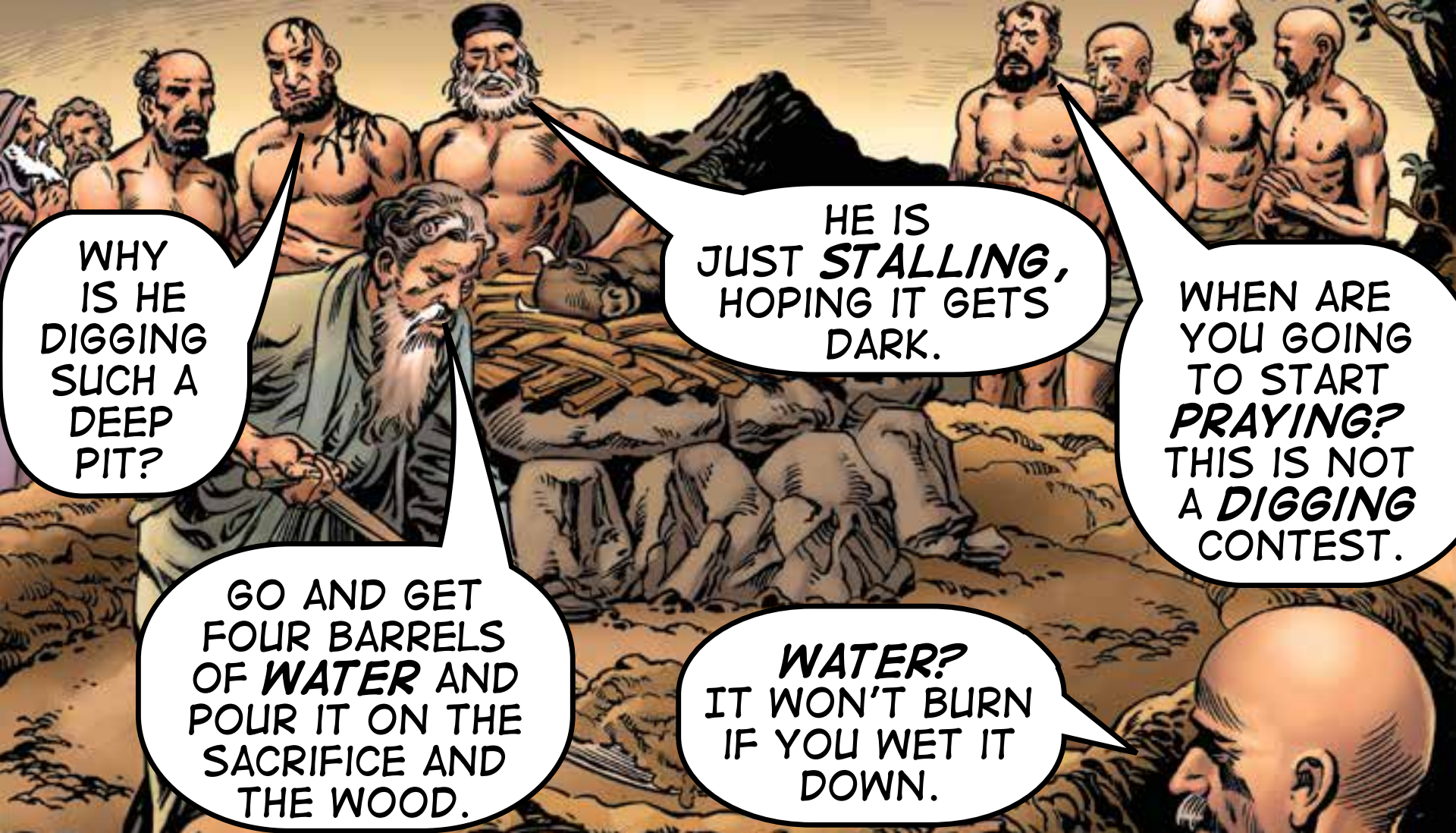


HA, HA! LOOK AT YOU!
FOR **NINE** HOURS YOU HAVE
BEEN CALLING ON A GOD THAT DOES
NOT ANSWER. IF HE WAS A GOD,
SURELY HE WOULD TAKE THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO **PROVE** IT.

NOW IT IS MY
TURN. COME **NEAR**
AND WATCH VERY
CLOSELY WHAT I
DO.

O BAAL,
WHY DO
YOU NOT
ANSWER?

1 KINGS 18:28-30



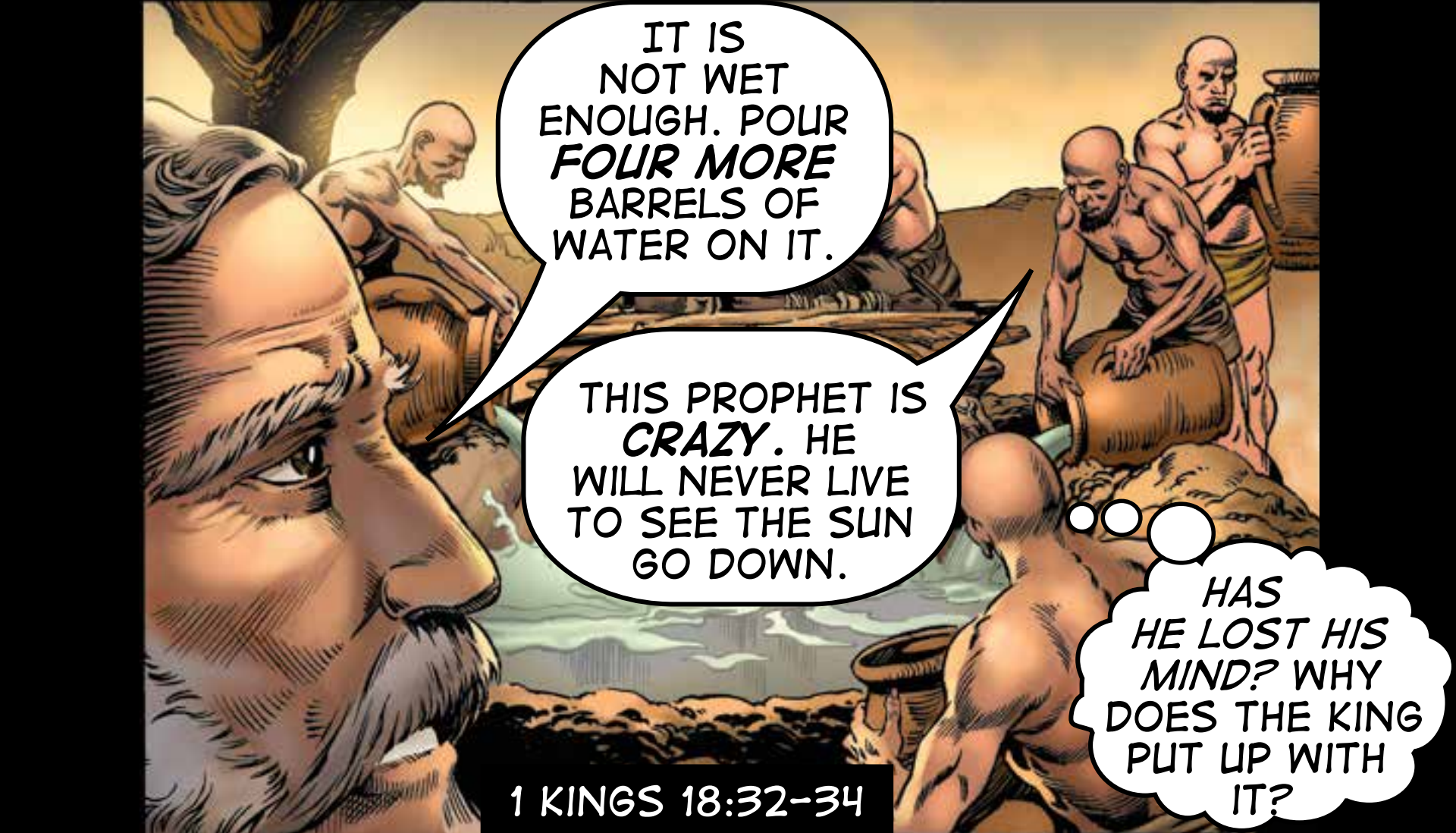
WHY IS HE DIGGING SUCH A DEEP PIT?

HE IS JUST *STALLING*, HOPING IT GETS DARK.

WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO START *PRAYING*? THIS IS NOT A *DIGGING* CONTEST.

GO AND GET FOUR BARRELS OF *WATER* AND POUR IT ON THE SACRIFICE AND THE WOOD.

WATER? IT WON'T BURN IF YOU WET IT DOWN.

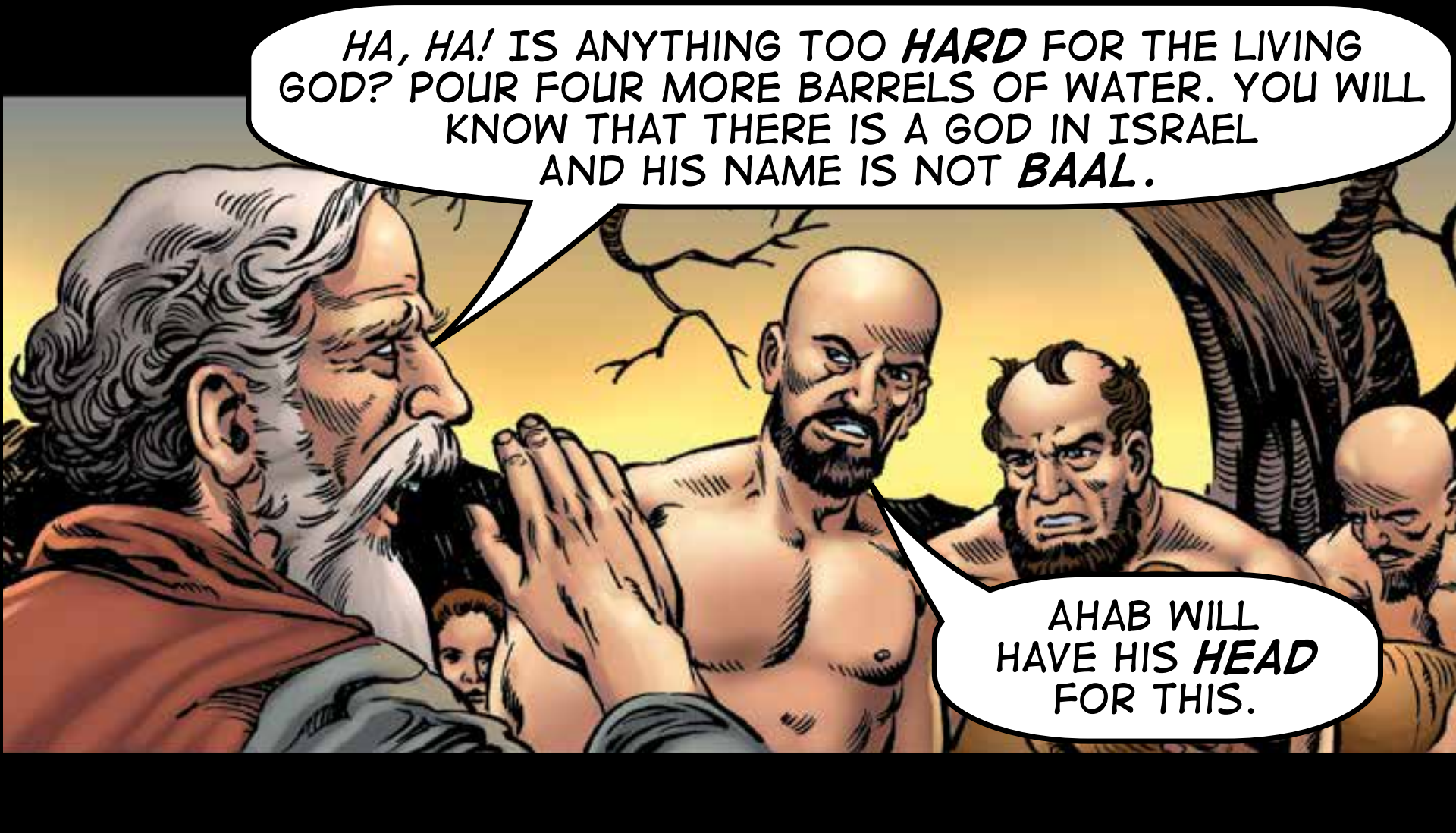


IT IS
NOT WET
ENOUGH. POUR
FOUR MORE
BARRELS OF
WATER ON IT.

THIS PROPHET IS
CRAZY. HE
WILL NEVER LIVE
TO SEE THE SUN
GO DOWN.

HAS
HE LOST HIS
MIND? WHY
DOES THE KING
PUT UP WITH
IT?

1 KINGS 18:32-34



HA, HA! IS ANYTHING TOO **HARD** FOR THE LIVING GOD? POUR FOUR MORE BARRELS OF WATER. YOU WILL KNOW THAT THERE IS A GOD IN ISRAEL AND HIS NAME IS NOT **BAAL**.

AHAB WILL HAVE HIS **HEAD** FOR THIS.



STAND
BACK.

FARTHER.

MOVE ON
BACK.



JEHOVAH,
GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC,
AND ISRAEL, LET IT BE KNOWN
THIS DAY THAT YOU ARE THE ***ONLY***
TRUE GOD, THAT I AM YOUR
SERVANT, AND THAT YOU HAVE
TURNED THEIR HEARTS BACK TO
YOURSELF.



VAROOOOOM!

AHHHHHH!

CRRRACK!

IEEEE!

1 KINGS 18:35-38




**GOD OF
ABRAHAM!**

**IT IS
SCORCHING
HOT!**

**FIRE FROM
HEAVEN!**

HELP!



THE GOD
OF ABRAHAM
AND ISAAC HAS
ANSWERED
BY FIRE.

IT EVEN
BURNT UP THE
ROCKS AND
DIRT!

WHAT
KIND OF GOD
IS THIS THAT
HAS NO *IMAGE*
AND YET DOES
THIS?



**NO! HAVE
MERCY!**

MOSES COMMANDED
THAT WE SHOULD WORSHIP
JEHOVAH GOD AND HIM ONLY.
HE COMMANDED THE *DEATH*
SENTENCE ON ANY SONS OF
ISRAEL THAT WORSHIPED
ANY OTHER GOD.

DEUTERONOMY 17:2-5; 1 KINGS 18:38-40



**KILL
THEM! ALL
850.**

**BUT
WE
DIDN'T
KNOW.**

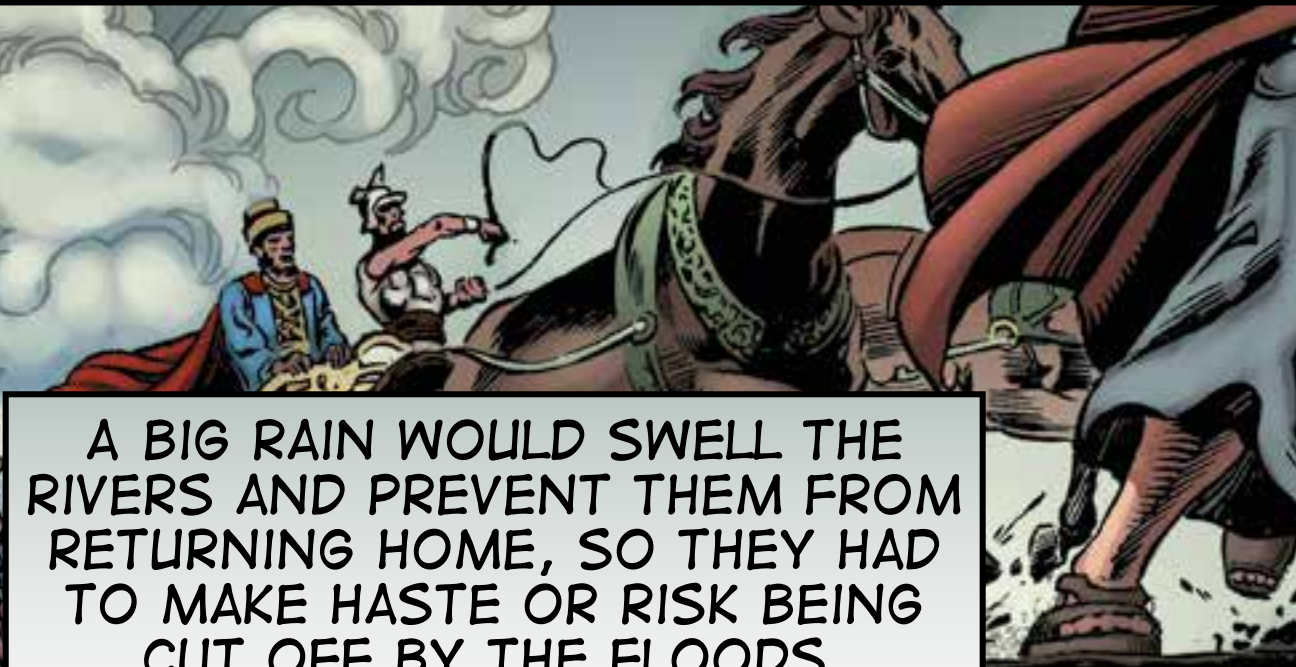
**PUT
THEM TO THE
SWORD. NOW!**

**THE PROPHETS
OF BAAL WERE
ALL KILLED.**

O KING, YOU WILL NEED TO EAT
AND DRINK AND THEN MAKE **HASTE**
FOR HOME. I HEAR THE SOUND OF
AN ABUNDANCE OF **RAIN**.

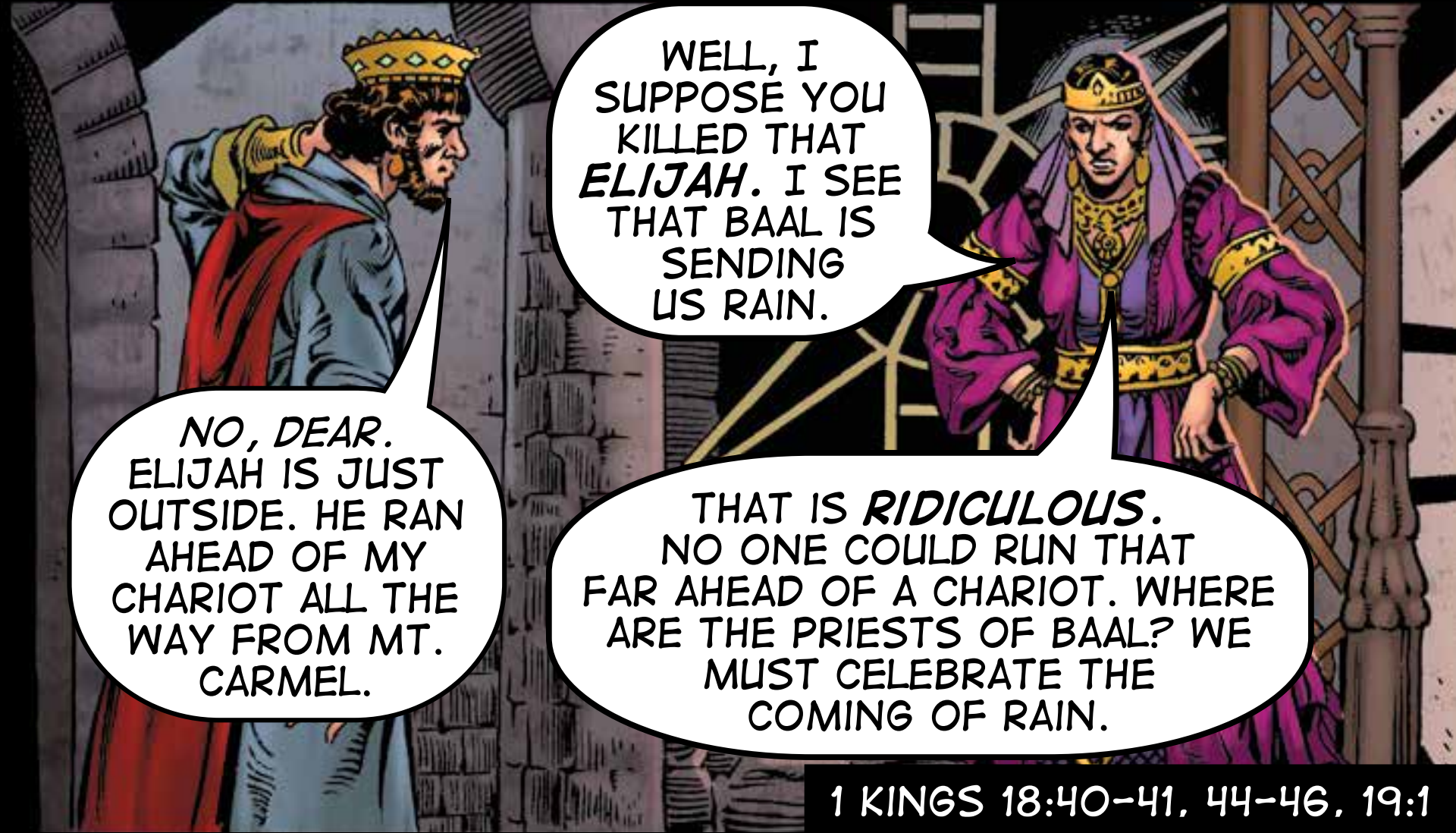


THREE AND A HALF YEARS EARLIER, ELIJAH HAD TOLD AHAB THAT IT WOULD NOT RAIN IN ISRAEL AGAIN UNTIL ELIJAH SO COMMANDED. WITH THE PROPHETS OF BAAL DEAD AND THE PEOPLE ONCE AGAIN WORSHIPPING THE TRUE GOD, ELIJAH COMMANDED IT TO RAIN.



ELIJAH, EMPOWERED BY GOD, RAN IN FRONT OF THE HORSES FOR THE TWENTY-MILE TRIP BACK TO THE KING'S PALACE.

A BIG RAIN WOULD SWELL THE RIVERS AND PREVENT THEM FROM RETURNING HOME, SO THEY HAD TO MAKE HASTE OR RISK BEING CUT OFF BY THE FLOODS.



WELL, I
SUPPOSE YOU
KILLED THAT
ELIJAH. I SEE
THAT BAAL IS
SENDING
US RAIN.

NO, DEAR.
ELIJAH IS JUST
OUTSIDE. HE RAN
AHEAD OF MY
CHARIOT ALL THE
WAY FROM MT.
CARMEL.

THAT IS **RIDICULOUS**.
NO ONE COULD RUN THAT
FAR AHEAD OF A CHARIOT. WHERE
ARE THE PRIESTS OF BAAL? WE
MUST CELEBRATE THE
COMING OF RAIN.


1 KINGS 18:40-41, 44-46, 19:1



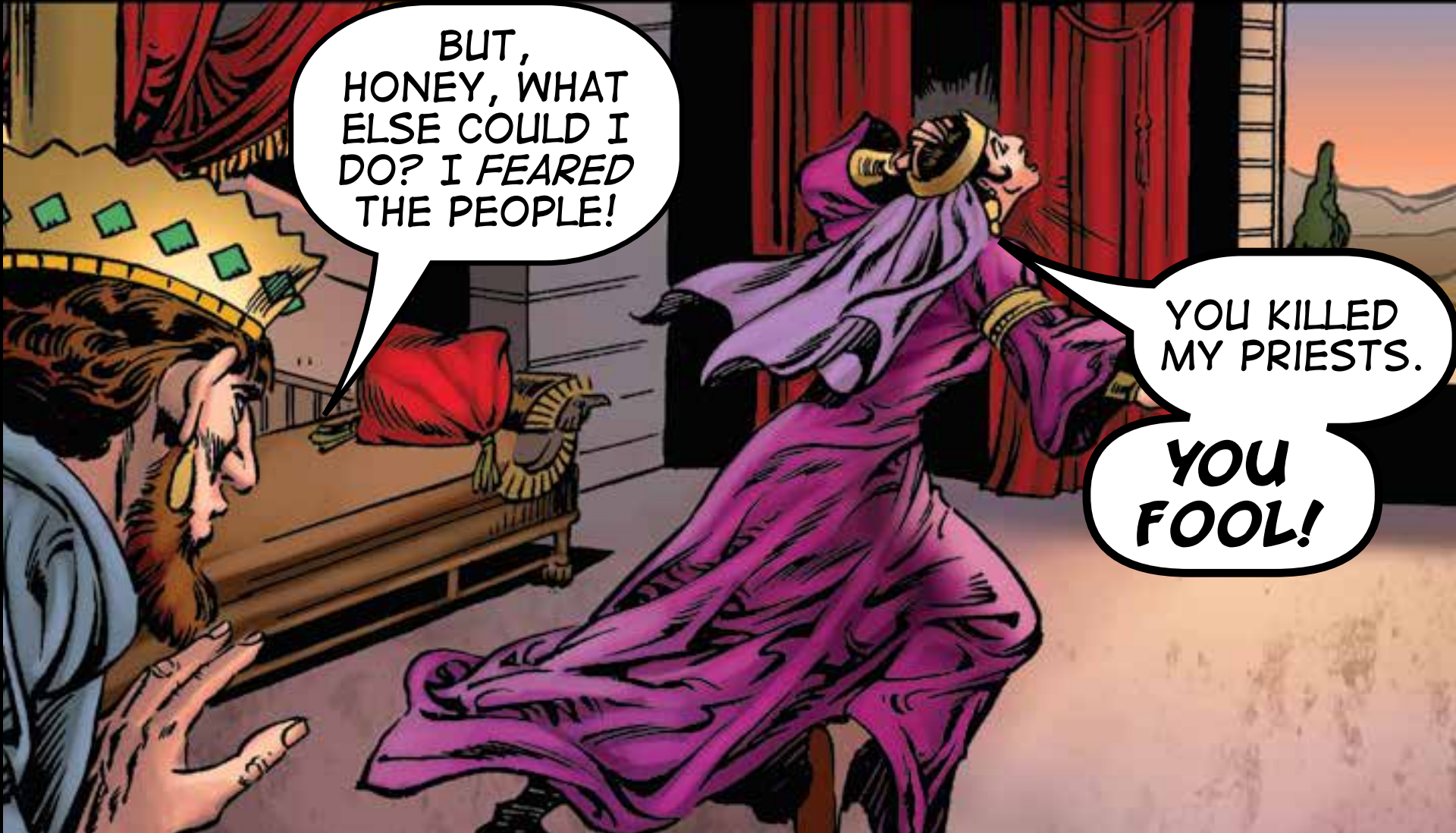
I HAD THEM
ALL KILLED. THEY
WERE LIARS AND
DECEIVERS.



YOU WHAT? YOU
IDIOT! YOU SHOULD
HAVE *KILLED ELIJAH!*

A comic book panel featuring a man with a thick brown beard and a golden crown with green diamond-shaped jewels. He is shown in profile, looking towards the right with a slight smile. A large speech bubble originates from him, containing text. In the lower right corner, a hand is visible, gesturing with the index finger pointing upwards. The background is a simple gradient of light blue and purple.

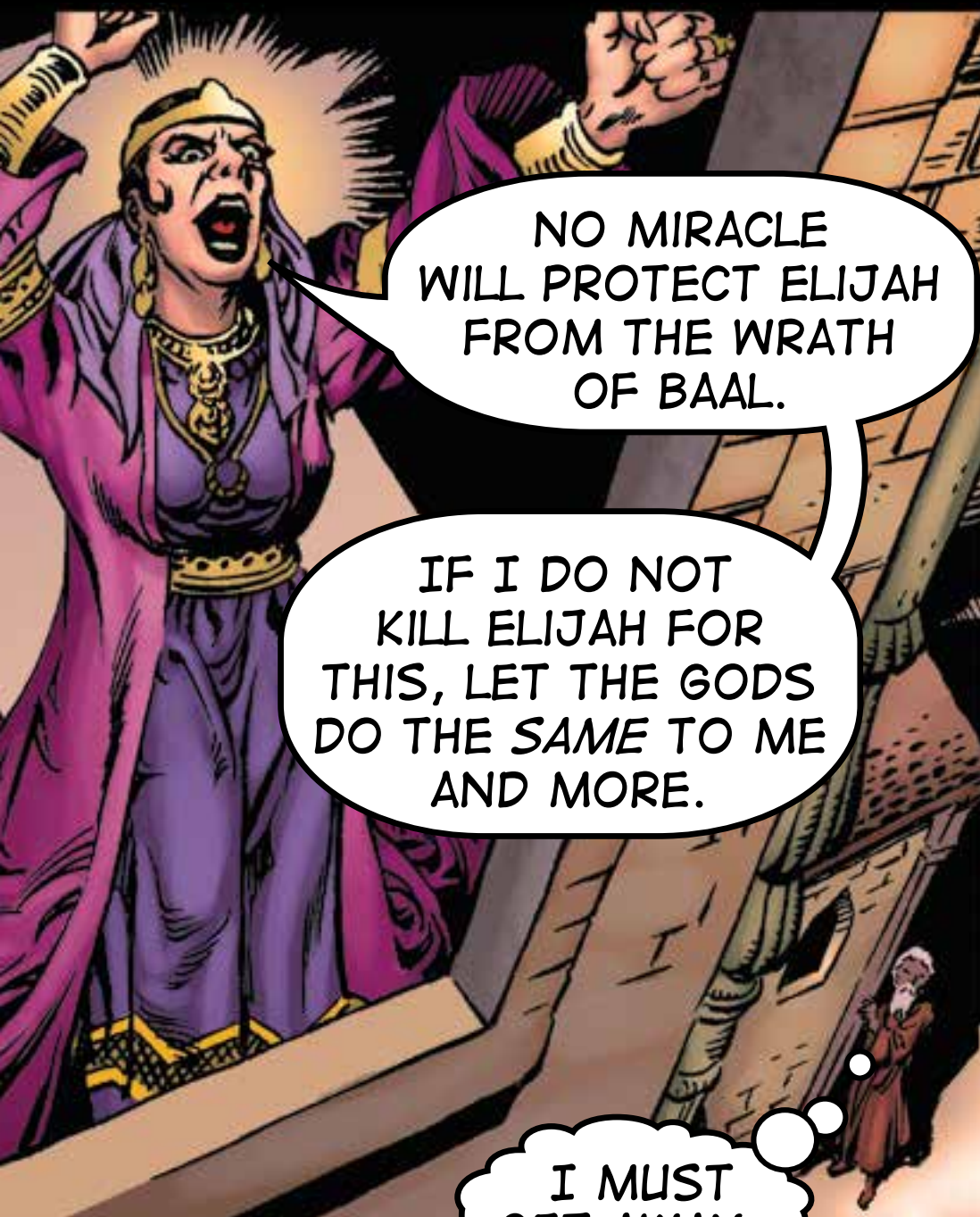
BUT HIS GOD
ANSWERED BY FIRE.
IT WAS A *MIRACLE*.
OUR PRIESTS WERE
POWERLESS. THE
PEOPLE ALL TURNED
TO JEHOVAH.



BUT,
HONEY, WHAT
ELSE COULD I
DO? I FEARED
THE PEOPLE!

YOU KILLED
MY PRIESTS.

**YOU
FOOL!**



NO MIRACLE
WILL PROTECT ELIJAH
FROM THE WRATH
OF BAAL.


IF I DO NOT
KILL ELIJAH FOR
THIS, LET THE GODS
DO THE SAME TO ME
AND MORE.

I MUST
GET AWAY.



ELIJAH FORGOT TO
TRUST GOD AND
FLED FOR HIS LIFE.

1 KINGS 19:1-4

A man with a beard, wearing a blue robe with a red sash, is sitting on the ground in a rocky, mountainous landscape. He is looking down with a distressed expression. The background shows jagged mountains under a blue sky. The man is holding a long wooden staff or pole.

O GOD, I HAVE
HAD ALL I CAN STAND.
LET ME *DIE* NOW BEFORE
JEZEBEL FINDS ME.

I AM ASHAMED OF
MYSELF. I HAVE *FAILED* TO
TRUST YOU. I AM NO BETTER
THAN MY SINFUL FATHERS.
JUST LET ME *DIE*.



ELIJAH FLED FOR FORTY DAYS, DEEP INTO THE WILDERNESS, TO HIDE IN A CAVE. HE CAME TO MT. SINAI, THE SAME MOUNTAIN ON WHICH MOSES RECEIVED THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. THERE GOD SPOKE TO HIM.



**ELIJAH, WHAT
ARE YOU DOING
HERE?**

**EVERYONE HAS
FORSAKEN YOUR
LAW EXCEPT ME. ALL
OF YOUR PROPHETS
HAVE BEEN KILLED. I
AM THE ONLY ONE
LEFT THAT WORSHIPS
YOU, AND THEY
SEEK MY LIFE.**

**GO AND STAND
ON THE MOUNTAIN
BEFORE THE
LORD.**

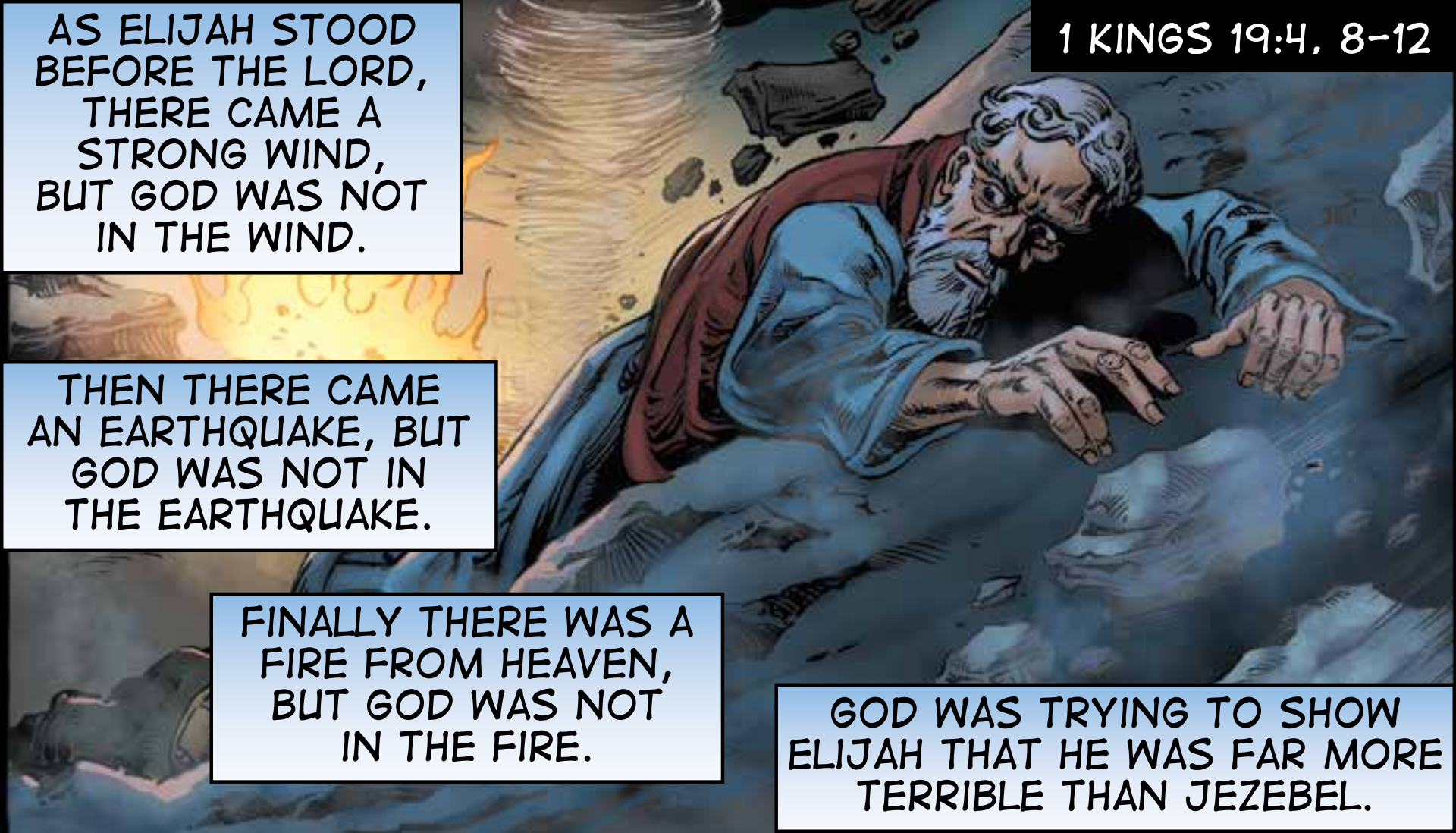
1 KINGS 19:4, 8-12

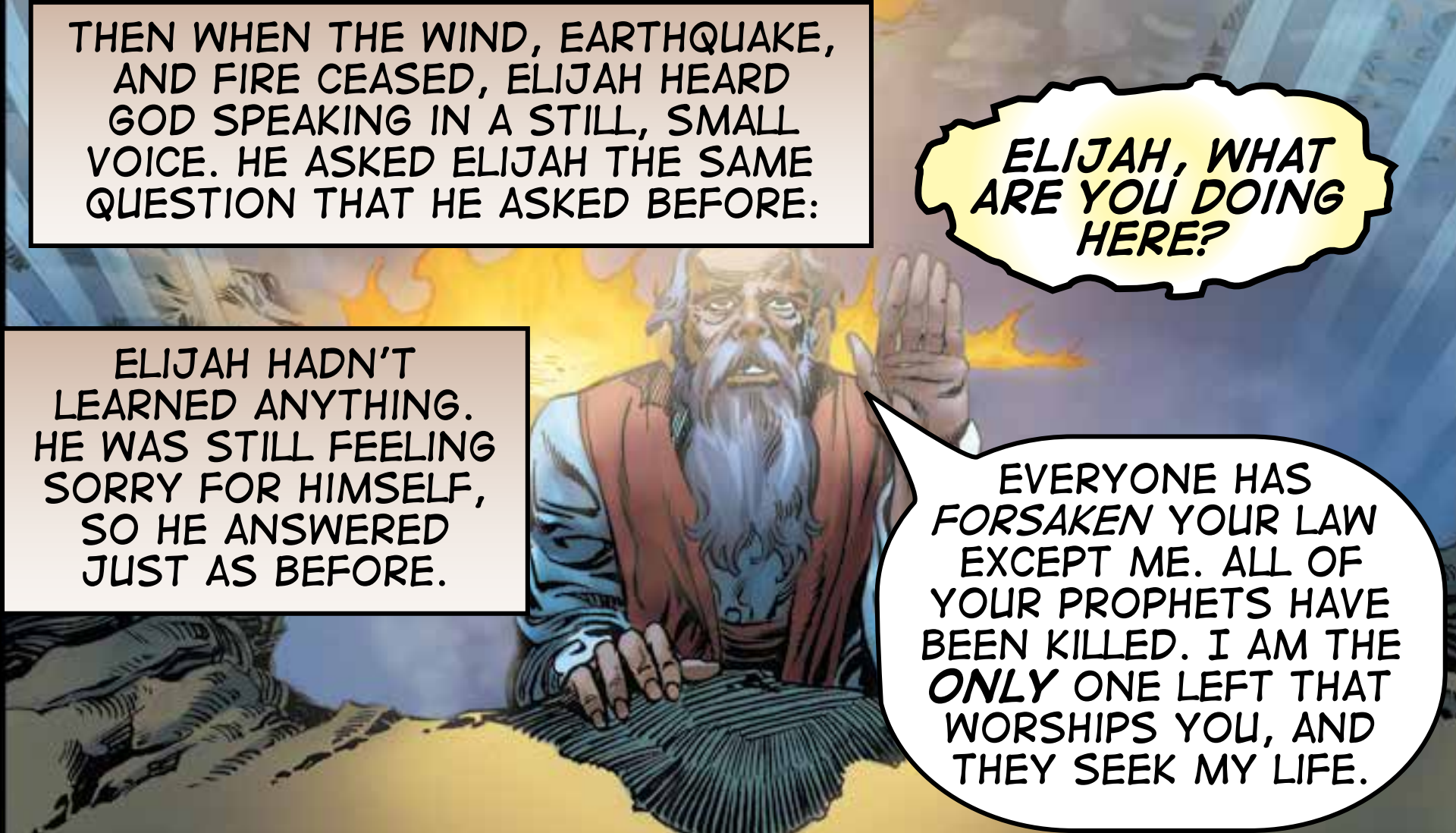
AS ELIJAH STOOD
BEFORE THE LORD,
THERE CAME A
STRONG WIND,
BUT GOD WAS NOT
IN THE WIND.

THEN THERE CAME
AN EARTHQUAKE, BUT
GOD WAS NOT IN
THE EARTHQUAKE.

FINALLY THERE WAS A
FIRE FROM HEAVEN,
BUT GOD WAS NOT
IN THE FIRE.

GOD WAS TRYING TO SHOW
ELIJAH THAT HE WAS FAR MORE
TERRIBLE THAN JEZEBEL.





THEN WHEN THE WIND, EARTHQUAKE,
AND FIRE CEASED, ELIJAH HEARD
GOD SPEAKING IN A STILL, SMALL
VOICE. HE ASKED ELIJAH THE SAME
QUESTION THAT HE ASKED BEFORE:

*ELIJAH, WHAT
ARE YOU DOING
HERE?*

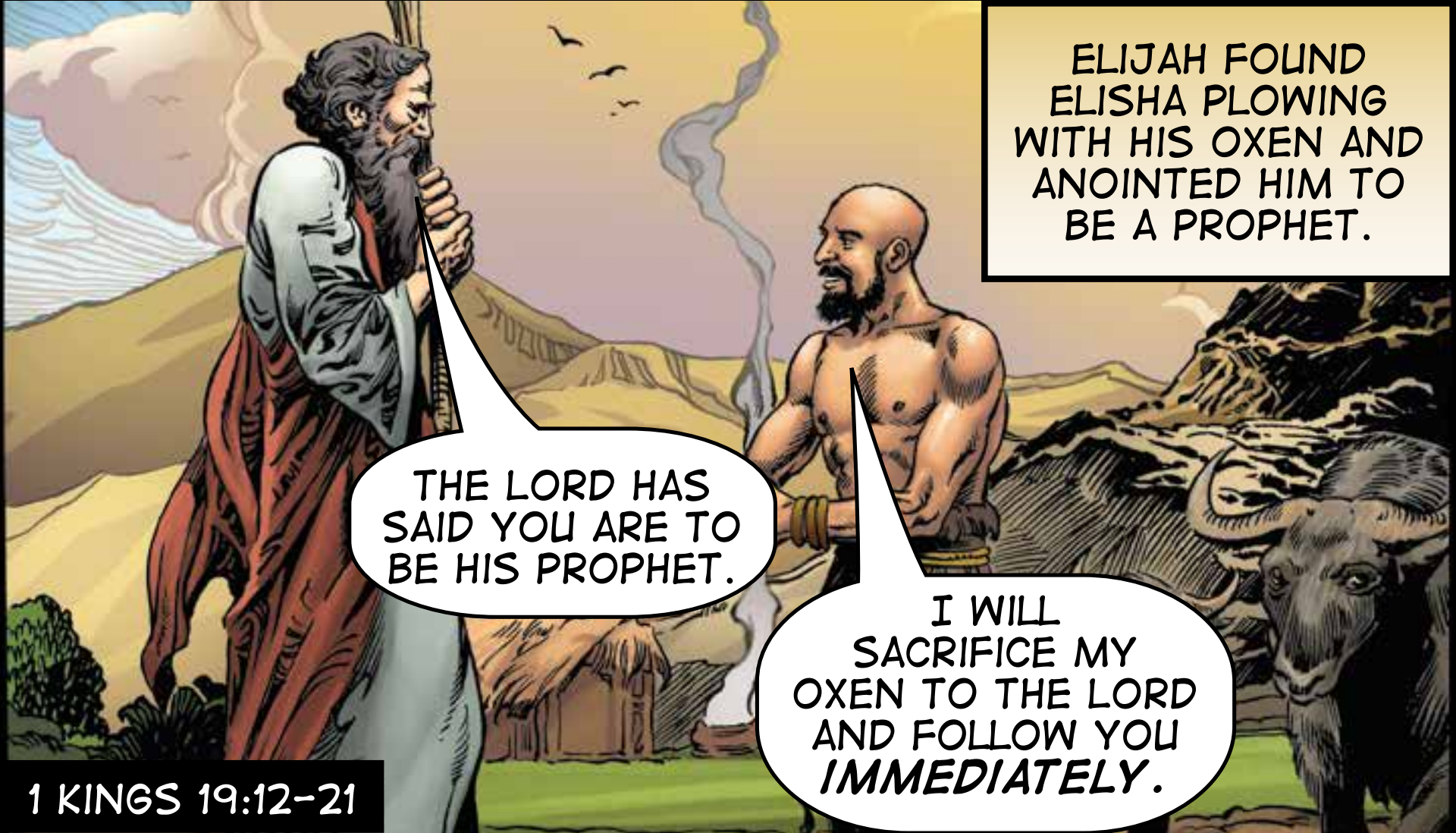
ELIJAH HADN'T
LEARNED ANYTHING.
HE WAS STILL FEELING
SORRY FOR HIMSELF,
SO HE ANSWERED
JUST AS BEFORE.

EVERYONE HAS
FORSAKEN YOUR LAW
EXCEPT ME. ALL OF
YOUR PROPHETS HAVE
BEEN KILLED. I AM THE
ONLY ONE LEFT THAT
WORSHIPS YOU, AND
THEY SEEK MY LIFE.



**ALL RIGHT, IF YOU
WOULD HAVE IT THIS WAY,
GO AND ANOINT ELISHA
TO TAKE YOUR PLACE AS
MY PROPHET.**

**AND THOUGH YOU DON'T KNOW
IT, THERE ARE 7,000 IN ISRAEL
WHO HAVE NOT BOWED DOWN TO
THE STATUES OF BAAL AND HAVE
NOT KISSED HIS FEET. NOW GO
YOUR WAY; ALL THE FAMILY OF
AHAB SHALL DIE.**




ELIJAH FOUND
ELISHA PLOWING
WITH HIS OXEN AND
ANOINTED HIM TO
BE A PROPHET.

THE LORD HAS
SAID YOU ARE TO
BE HIS PROPHET.

I WILL
SACRIFICE MY
OXEN TO THE LORD
AND FOLLOW YOU
IMMEDIATELY.

RIGHT NEXT TO AHAB'S PALACE WAS A VINEYARD OWNED BY NABOTH. AHAB OFTEN LOOKED OUT THE WINDOW AND ADMIRED ITS BEAUTY, WISHING IT WAS HIS. THE MORE HE THOUGHT ABOUT IT THE MORE HE WANTED HIS NEIGHBOR'S PROPERTY. THE COMMANDMENT SAYS, "THOU SHALT NOT COVET," BUT AHAB DID NOT REGARD JEHOVAH.






AHAB HAD PLENTY OF MONEY, SO HE DECIDED THAT HE WOULD JUST BUY THE VINEYARD.

SELL THIS VINEYARD TO ME. IT IS RIGHT NEXT TO MY HOUSE, AND I WILL GIVE YOU A **BETTER** VINEYARD SOMEWHERE ELSE.

GOD WOULD NOT PERMIT SUCH A THING.

THIS PROPERTY HAS
BEEN IN MY FAMILY FOR
OVER **500** YEARS. THE LAW
COMMANDS US NOT TO SELL
OUR LAND OUTSIDE THE
FAMILY.





TELL ME,
MY DEAR, WHY
DO YOU NOT
EAT? WHY ARE
YOU SO SAD?

BECAUSE
NABOTH WILL
NOT SELL HIS
VINEYARD
TO ME.

EXODUS 20:17;
1 KINGS 21:1-7



YOU ARE THE
KING. YOU HAVE THE
POWER TO DO **ANYTHING**
YOU PLEASE. DON'T LET ONE
LOWLY PEASANT STAND IN THE
WAY OF YOUR **HAPPINESS**. I
WILL GET THE VINEYARD
FOR YOU.



I WILL PAY YOU MORE
WHEN THE JOB IS DONE. NOW
KEEP YOUR MOUTHS **SHUT** OR
YOU MAY GET THE **SAME**.

MOSES' LAW SAYS:
"THOU SHALT NOT BEAR
FALSE WITNESS AGAINST
THY NEIGHBOR."



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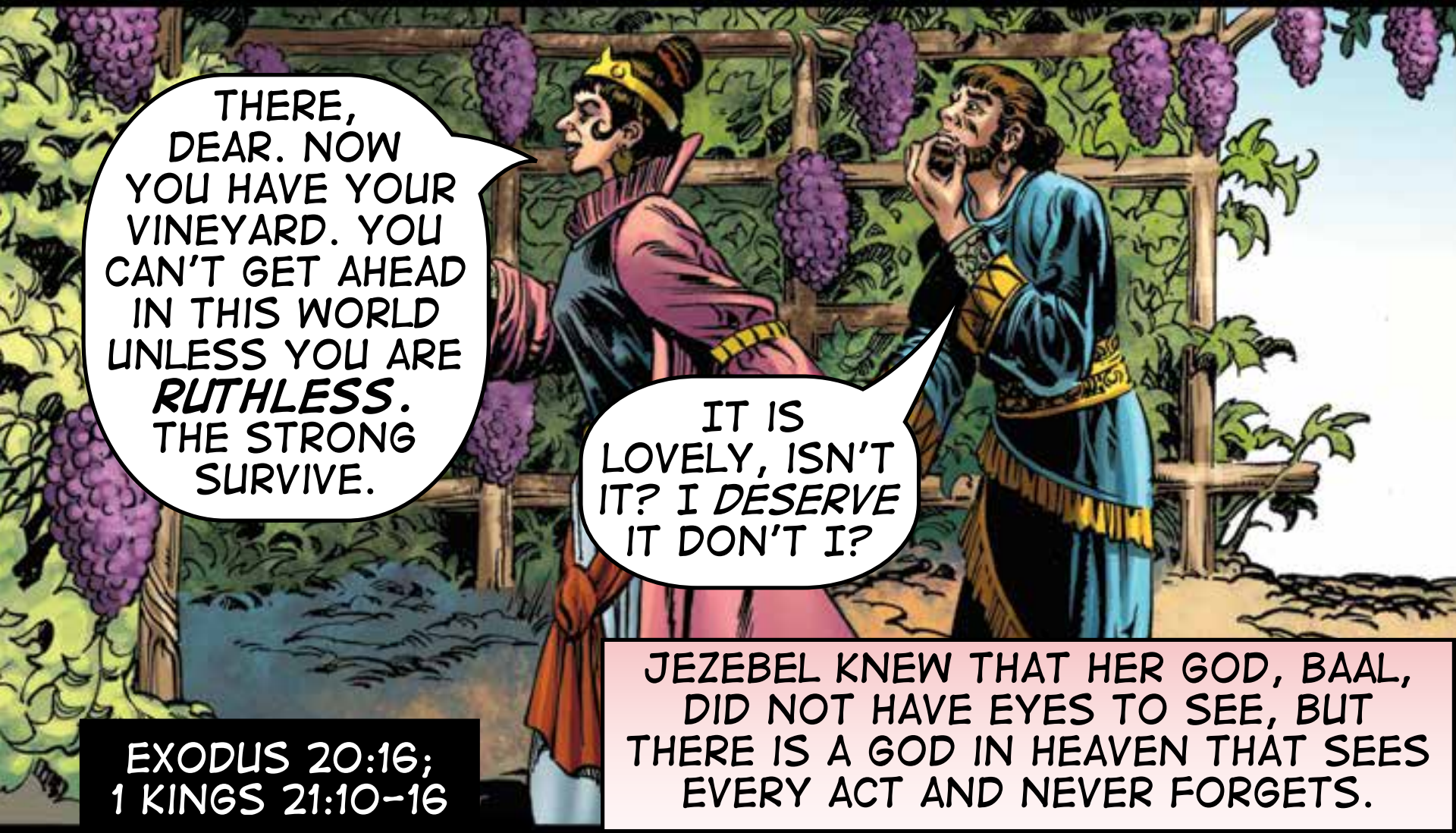
**THERE.
THAT'S
THE ONE.**

**YEAH, HE
SAID THE KING
SHOULD *DIE*.**

**AND HE SAID
GOD SENDS
DEVILS TO
POSSESS THE
KING.**

**THEN HE
DESERVES
TO *DIE*.**

**THEY CARRIED NABOTH
OFF AND KILLED HIM.**




THERE,
DEAR. NOW
YOU HAVE YOUR
VINEYARD. YOU
CAN'T GET AHEAD
IN THIS WORLD
UNLESS YOU ARE
RUTHLESS.
THE STRONG
SURVIVE.

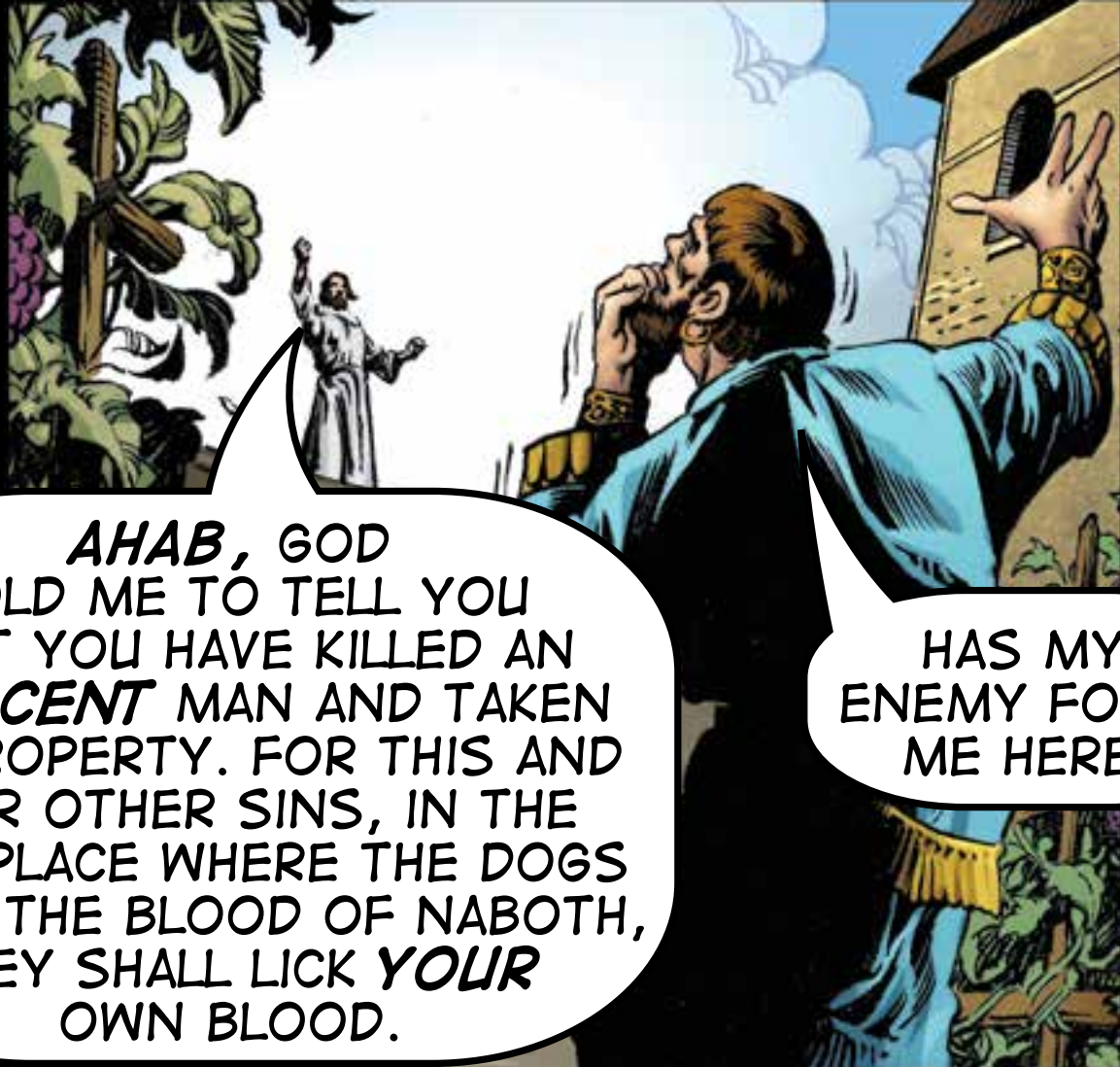
IT IS
LOVELY, ISN'T
IT? I *DESERVE*
IT DON'T I?

EXODUS 20:16;
1 KINGS 21:10-16

JEZEBEL KNEW THAT HER GOD, BAAL,
DID NOT HAVE EYES TO SEE, BUT
THERE IS A GOD IN HEAVEN THAT SEES
EVERY ACT AND NEVER FORGETS.




**ELIJAH, AHAB
HAS GONE DOWN
TO THE VINEYARD OF
NABOTH TO POSSESS IT.
GO AND MEET HIM
THERE. DELIVER MY
WORD UNTO HIM.**




AHAB, GOD
TOLD ME TO TELL YOU
THAT YOU HAVE KILLED AN
INNOCENT MAN AND TAKEN
HIS PROPERTY. FOR THIS AND
YOUR OTHER SINS, IN THE
VERY PLACE WHERE THE DOGS
LICKED THE BLOOD OF NABOTH,
THEY SHALL LICK **YOUR**
OWN BLOOD.

HAS MY
ENEMY FOUND
ME HERE?



YOU
CANNOT HIDE
FROM **GOD**.
BECAUSE YOU
TRADED YOUR
SOUL FOR
POSSESSIONS,
GOD WILL BRING
EVIL UPON ALL
YOUR FAMILY.
ALL YOUR
CHILDREN AND
RELATIVES WILL
DIE, EVEN THE
LITTLE ONES.

YOU HAVE
PROVOKED GOD
TO ANGER. THE DOGS
SHALL EAT JEZEBEL
BY THE WALL OF YOUR
HOUSE. WHEN A MEMBER
OF YOUR FAMILY DIES IN
THE CITY THE DOGS WILL
EAT HIS FLESH. IF THEY
DIE IN THE FIELD, THE
BUZZARDS WILL EAT
THEM. **NONE** WILL
BE BURIED WITH
HONOR.



THIS IS
THE WORD
OF THE
LORD. IT
SHALL COME
TO PASS.


PLEASE,
I'LL START
SACRIFICING TO
JEHOVAH.

1 KINGS 21:17-26



ALL THAT ELIJAH
HAS SAID HAS COME
TO PASS.

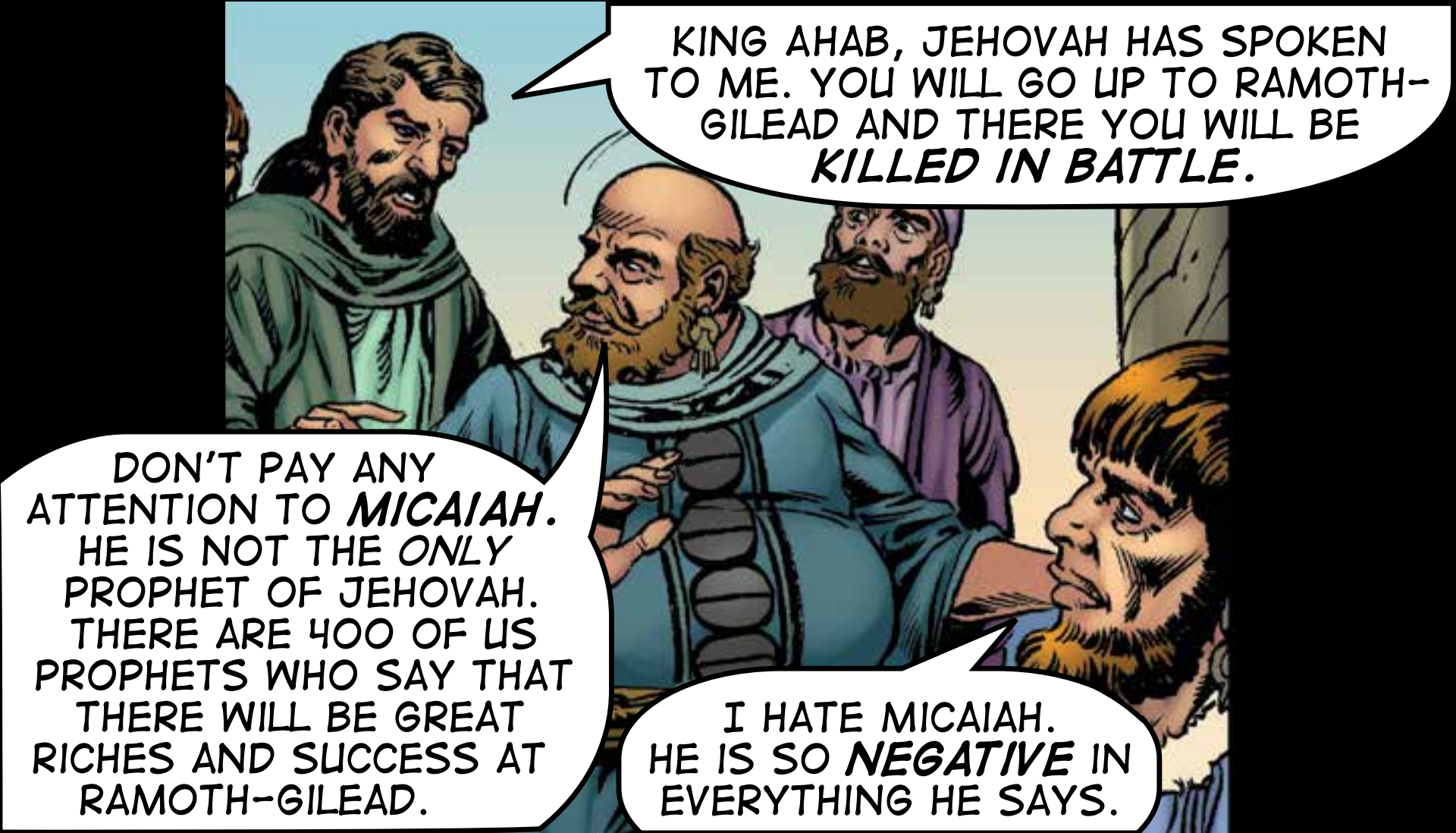
AHAB NOW
SACRIFICED TO
JEHOVAH, BUT HE
DID NOT FOLLOW
HIM WITH A
PURE HEART.



MUCH LATER THE FALSE
PROPHETS ADVISED KING
AHAB ON A MILITARY ISSUE.

GO UP AND FIGHT
AT RAMOTH-GILEAD
AND GOD WILL GIVE
YOU A GREAT
VICTORY.

AND ALL THE
PROPHETS AGREE
ON THIS?



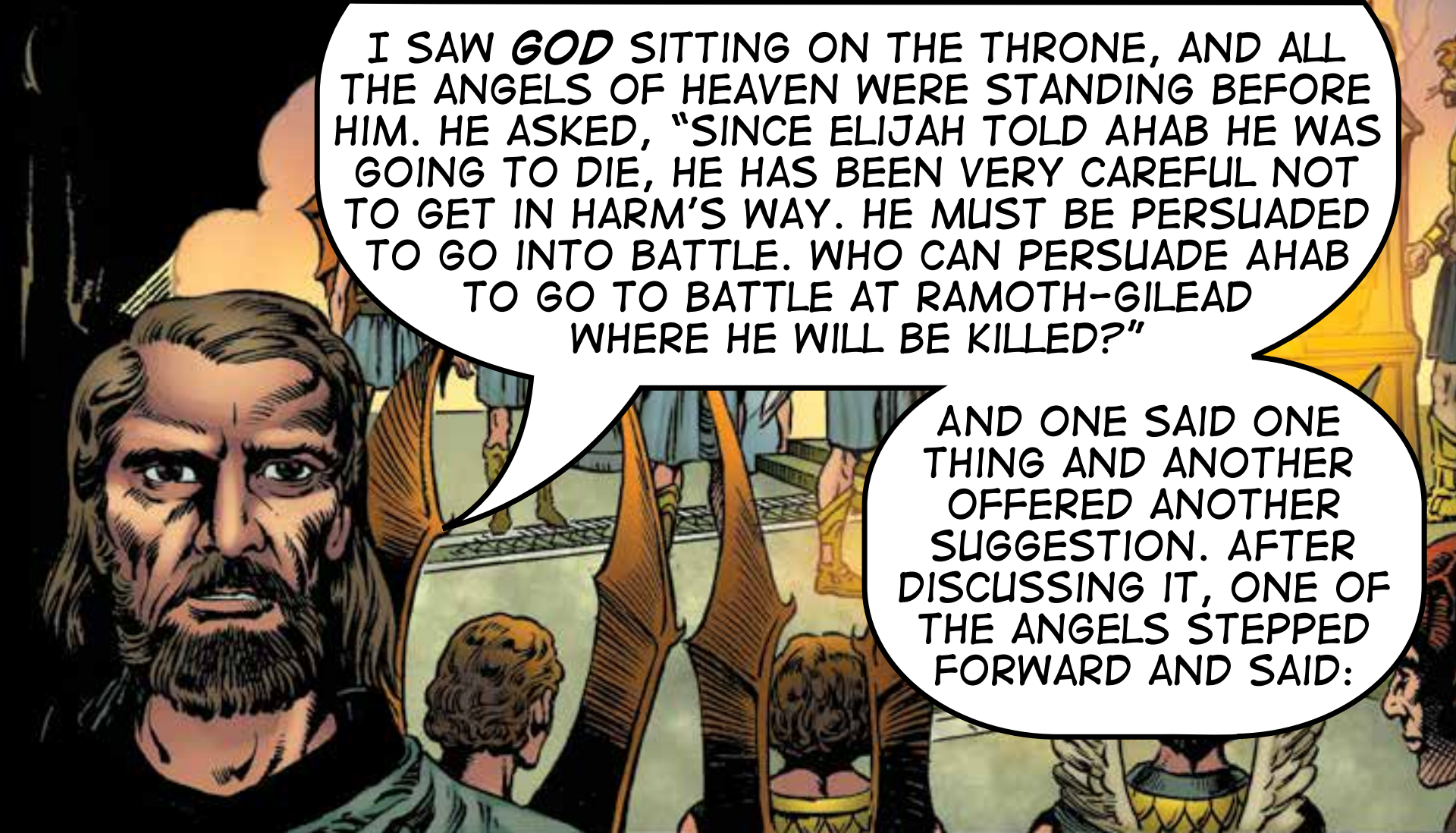
KING AHAB, JEHOVAH HAS SPOKEN TO ME. YOU WILL GO UP TO RAMOTH-GILEAD AND THERE YOU WILL BE **KILLED IN BATTLE.**

DON'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO **MICAIAH**. HE IS NOT THE *ONLY* PROPHET OF JEHOVAH. THERE ARE 400 OF US PROPHETS WHO SAY THAT THERE WILL BE GREAT RICHES AND SUCCESS AT RAMOTH-GILEAD.

I HATE MICAIAH. HE IS SO **NEGATIVE** IN EVERYTHING HE SAYS.


KING AHAB, YOU HAVE WORKED *EVIL*
IN THE SIGHT OF GOD. YOU CONSULT
FALSE PROPHETS WHO TAKE
MONEY FOR THEIR SERVICES.
THEY PREACH *LIES*.





I SAW *GOD* SITTING ON THE THRONE, AND ALL THE ANGELS OF HEAVEN WERE STANDING BEFORE HIM. HE ASKED, "SINCE ELIJAH TOLD AHAB HE WAS GOING TO DIE, HE HAS BEEN VERY CAREFUL NOT TO GET IN HARM'S WAY. HE MUST BE PERSUADED TO GO INTO BATTLE. WHO CAN PERSUADE AHAB TO GO TO BATTLE AT RAMOTH-GILEAD WHERE HE WILL BE KILLED?"


AND ONE SAID ONE THING AND ANOTHER OFFERED ANOTHER SUGGESTION. AFTER DISCUSSING IT, ONE OF THE ANGELS STEPPED FORWARD AND SAID:



I HAVE AN IDEA
THAT WILL WORK, I
WILL GO DOWN AND
BE A **LYING** SPIRIT IN
THE MOUTH OF ALL HIS
FALSE PROPHETS. I WILL
TELL THEM THAT AHAB
SHOULD GO INTO
BATTLE.

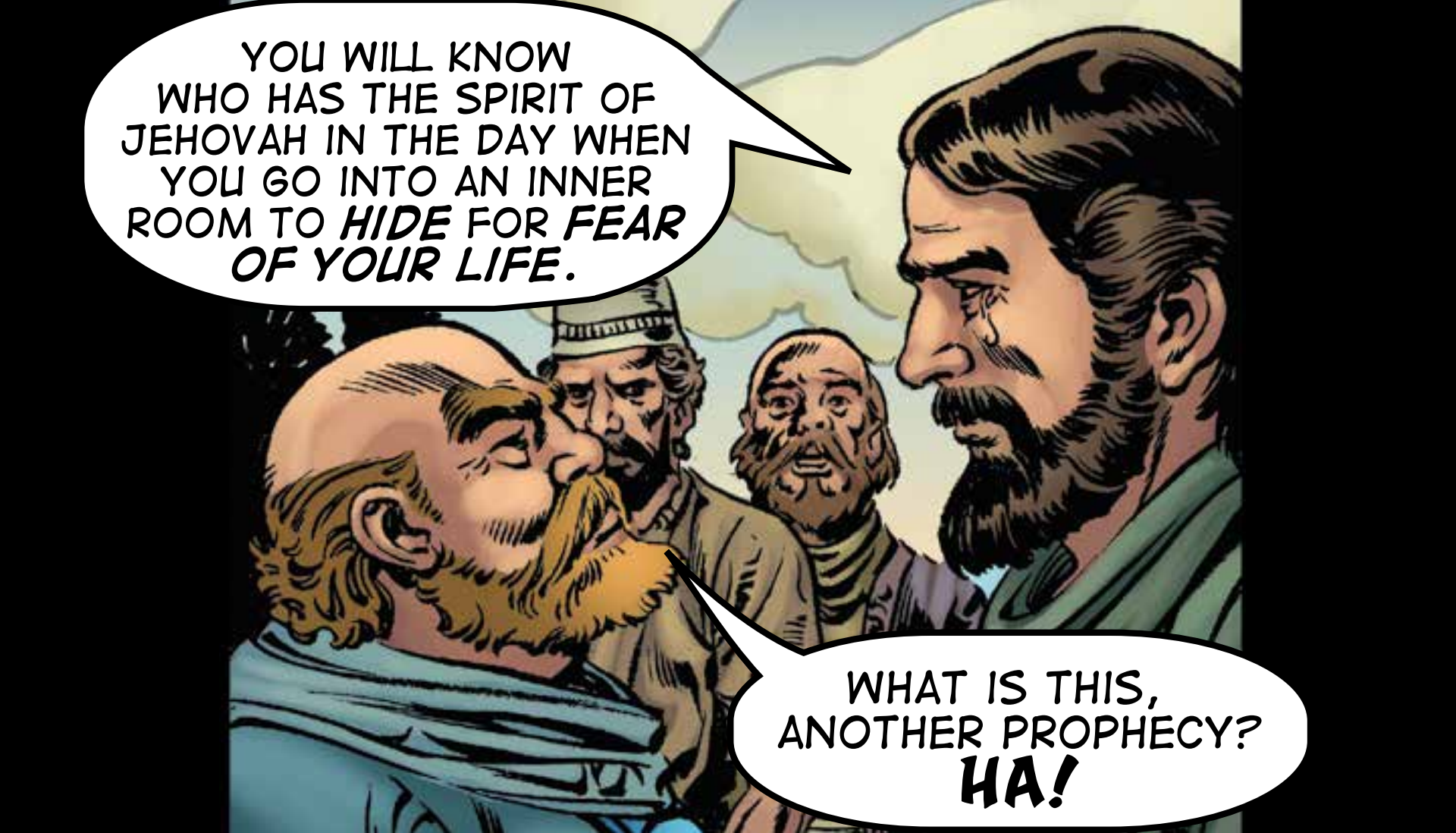
1 KINGS 21:27, 22:6-22

THAT IS A GREAT
IDEA. THEY WILL PROPHECY
THAT HE IS GOING TO BE
VICTORIOUS, BUT WHEN HE
GETS IN BATTLE, I WILL HAVE
HIM KILLED. GO, THEN!



YOU THINK THE
SPIRIT OF JEHOVAH
LEFT ME AND SPOKE
TO YOU?

SMACK!




YOU WILL KNOW
WHO HAS THE SPIRIT OF
JEHOVAH IN THE DAY WHEN
YOU GO INTO AN INNER
ROOM TO *HIDE* FOR *FEAR*
OF YOUR LIFE.

WHAT IS THIS,
ANOTHER PROPHECY?
HA!



PUT THIS FELLOW IN PRISON AND FEED HIM *JUST ENOUGH* TO KEEP HIM ALIVE UNTIL I COME BACK FROM THE BATTLE. *THEN WE WILL KILL HIM.*

IF YOU RETURN FROM THE BATTLE ALIVE THEN I AM A FALSE PROPHET AND WOULD *DESERVE* TO DIE.



THAT WAS
A GOOD IDEA,
DISGUIISING
YOURSELF AS AN
ORDINARY SOLDIER.
THEY WILL NEVER
KNOW YOU ARE THE
KING, AND OUR
MEN ARE DOING
WELL. I **CAN'T**
WAIT TO SEE THAT
PROPHET'S FACE
WHEN YOU COME
BACK ALIVE.

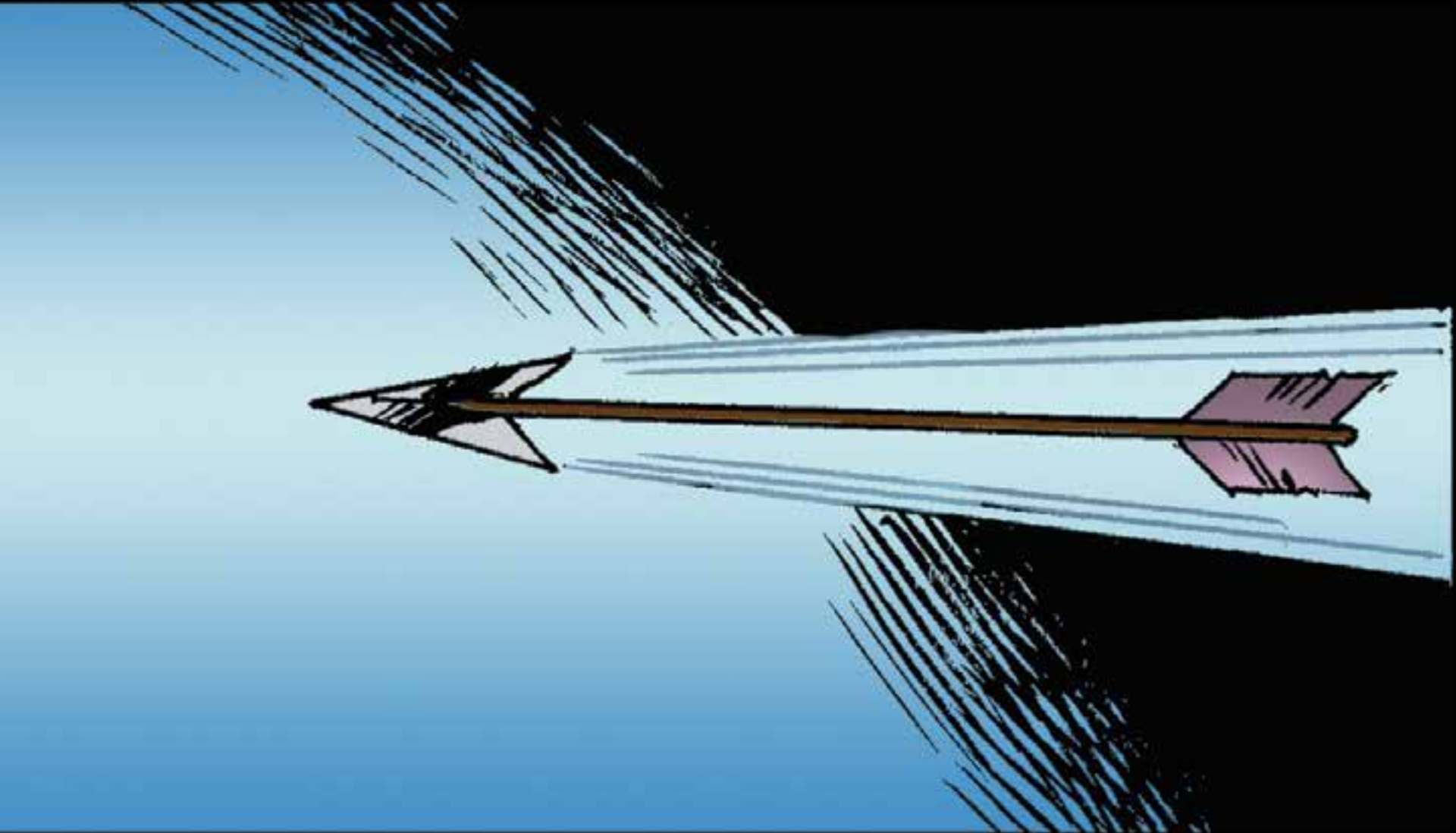
YEAH, AND
THIS ARMOR
WILL PROTECT ME
AGAINST **ANY**
ARROWS.

1 KINGS 22:24-30

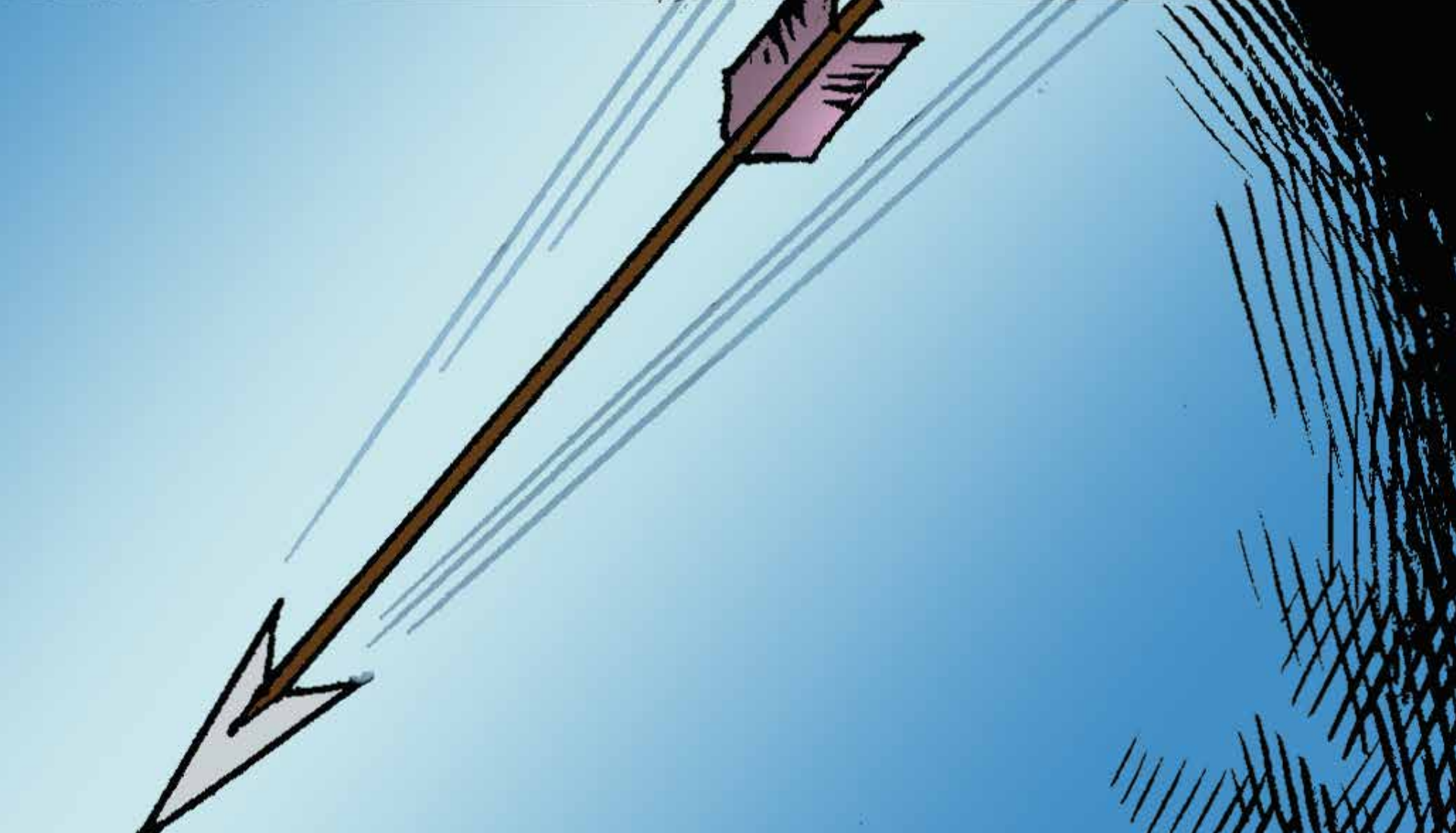
A SOLDIER SHOT AN ARROW HIGH IN THE AIR, NOT AIMING AT ANYONE IN PARTICULAR, JUST HOPING TO HIT ONE OF HIS ENEMIES.












THUD!

WHAT?


UGGGHH!



**HURRY,
IT IS
BLEEDING
BADLY.**

**HANG
ON!**

1 KINGS 22:34



I AM
AFRAID HE
IS DEAD.

THE ARROW
FOUND THE *ONE*
SPOT THAT WAS NOT
PROTECTED BY ARMOR.
I GUESS IT WAS JUST
HIS TIME TO DIE.

OH GOD,
NO!

PUT HIS BODY IN
NABOTH'S VINEYARD
UNTIL WE HAVE TIME
TO DEAL WITH IT
PROPERLY.






JUST AS ELIJAH HAD SAID, THE DOGS WERE LICKING THE BLOOD OF AHAB RIGHT UNDER JEZEBEL'S WINDOW. HE WAS THE FIRST OF HIS HOUSEHOLD; OTHERS WERE TO FOLLOW.

AFTER WASHING THE BLOOD
FROM AHAB'S CHARIOT
THE SOLDIER RETURNED
TO THE PALACE.

WHERE IS KING
AHAB? IS HE
CELEBRATING HIS
VICTORY?



1 KINGS 22:37-38;
2 KINGS 9:8-10



YOU FOOL! YOU ARE NOT A PROPHET OF GOD. YOU ARE A *LIAR!* AHAB IS DEAD JUST AS MICAIAH THE PROPHET OF JEHOVAH DECLARED.

BUT IT CAN'T BE. ALL THE DEVOUT MEN *AGREED.* AHAB *WOULD* BE VICTORIOUS.

NOT ALL. NOT *MICAIAH* WHOM YOU SLAPPED AND PUT IN PRISON. WHEN THE PEOPLE HEAR OF THIS, THEY WILL HAVE *YOUR* HEAD.

YOU ARE
FREE TO GO.
AHAB IS
DEAD.

YES I KNOW,
AND NO DOUBT THE DOGS
HAVE LICKED HIS BLOOD AS
GOD SAID. **JEZEBEL** WILL
BE **NEXT** AND ALL THAT ARE
RELATED TO AHAB. GOD
HAS SPOKEN.



I MUST
HIDE.

**OH NO! MICAIAH SAID I WOULD
KNOW WHO HAD THE SPIRIT OF GOD
ON THE DAY I HID IN A SMALL ROOM
INSIDE OF A ROOM.**



AHAB'S SONS WOULD REIGN IN HIS PLACE, AND TWELVE YEARS WOULD PASS WITH JEZEBEL STILL LIVING AS QUEEN. ISRAEL WOULD CONTINUE TO WORSHIP FALSE GODS AND BREAK THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD.



GOD SPOKE AGAINST THE HOUSE OF AHAB, SAYING, "THE TIME HAS COME. ALL OF AHAB'S FAMILY WILL PERISH, EVEN THE LITTLE CHILDREN. NONE WILL BE LEFT ALIVE. JEZEBEL WILL BE EATEN BY THE DOGS, AND THERE WILL BE NO ONE TO MOURN HER OR BURY HER."

12 YEARS LATER.

I MUST PAINT
MY FACE, SO I WILL BE
ATTRACTIVE TO GENERAL
JEHU WHEN HE RETURNS
FROM BATTLE.



2 KINGS 9:30

I WILL
STAND HERE
WHERE THEY CAN
SEE THAT **I** AM
IN CHARGE.



**WHO IS
ON MY
SIDE?**





**WE ARE
WITH YOU
GENERAL.**

**THEN
THROW JEZEBEL
DOWN.**

**YOU CAN'T
DO THAT. I AM
THE QUEEN.**



Ellll!

2 KINGS 9:32-33



**LEAVE
THE BODY
LYING.**

DOGS ATE JEZEBEL AND LICKED UP HER BLOOD ON THE VERY SPOT WHERE THEY LICKED HER HUSBAND'S BLOOD, JUST AS THE PROPHET OF GOD HAD SAID.





2 KINGS 9:33-37

BUT THE DOGS WOULD NOT EAT
THE DIRTY HANDS THAT HAD
DONE SO MUCH WICKEDNESS.

JUST AS THE PROPHETS
SAID, THE REST OF AHAB'S
CHILDREN WERE ALL KILLED
BY THE PEOPLE OF THE
CITY, UNTIL THERE WERE
NONE LEFT OF HIS FAMILY.

THOSE WHO DIED IN THE FIELDS WERE
EATEN BY THE BUZZARDS AND THOSE
THAT DIED IN THE CITY WERE EATEN BY
THE DOGS. NOTHING WAS LEFT TO BURY.
TRULY THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH.

AS ELIJAH PRAYED, YOUNG
PROPHETS CAME TO ELISHA
TO DELIVER A MESSAGE.




GOD HAS SPOKEN
TO SOME OF THE YOUNG
PROPHETS. DID YOU KNOW
THAT TODAY YOUR MASTER
ELIJAH IS GOING TO BE TAKEN
TO HEAVEN?

YES, GOD
TOLD ME ALSO,
BUT BE QUIET; DO
NOT SAY ANY
MORE.



ELISHA, YOU
STAY HERE. I AM
GOING TO TAKE A
TRIP DOWN TO
JERICHO.

AS GOD LIVES, I WILL
NOT LET YOU OUT OF MY
SIGHT. *I* WILL GO WHERE
YOU GO.




DID YOU KNOW THAT
YOUR MASTER ELIJAH IS
GOING TO BE TAKEN UP TO
HEAVEN TODAY?

YES, I KNOW IT.
NOW DON'T BOTHER US.
KEEP THIS TO YOURSELF. I
MUST NOT LET HIM OUT
OF MY SIGHT.



YOU *STAY*
HERE IN JERICHO. I
MUST TAKE A SHORT
TRIP DOWN TO THE
JORDAN RIVER.

AS SURELY AS GOD
LIVES AND YOU LIVE, I
WILL NOT LEAVE YOU.



THERE ARE
THOSE YOUNG
PROPHETS,
FOLLOWING
US AGAIN.

HOW ARE WE
GOING TO CROSS
THE RIVER? IT IS
RUNNING **HIGH**
TODAY.

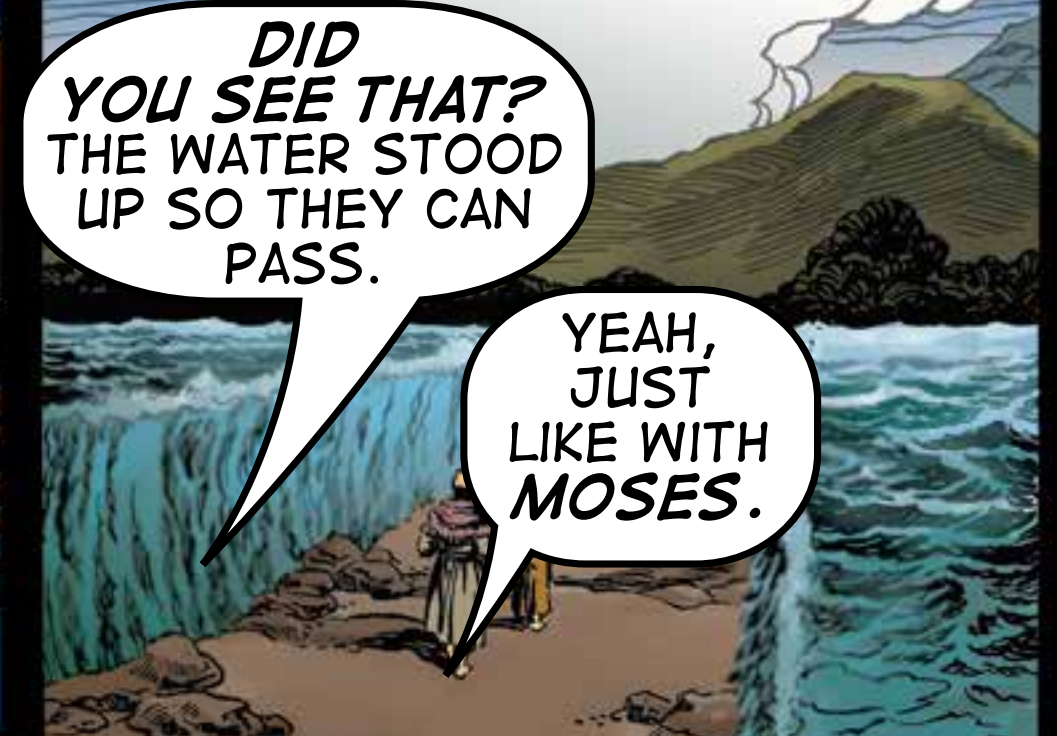
ON DRY
GROUND.

2 KINGS 2:3-7

A close-up illustration of a man with a beard and a blue tunic slapping the face of another man. The man being slapped is wearing a grey tunic and a red sash. The background is a blurred landscape.


SLAP!

AHH!

A wide landscape illustration showing a path of dry earth cutting through a body of water. The water is parted into two large channels. In the distance, there are mountains and a cloudy sky. A few figures are visible on the path.

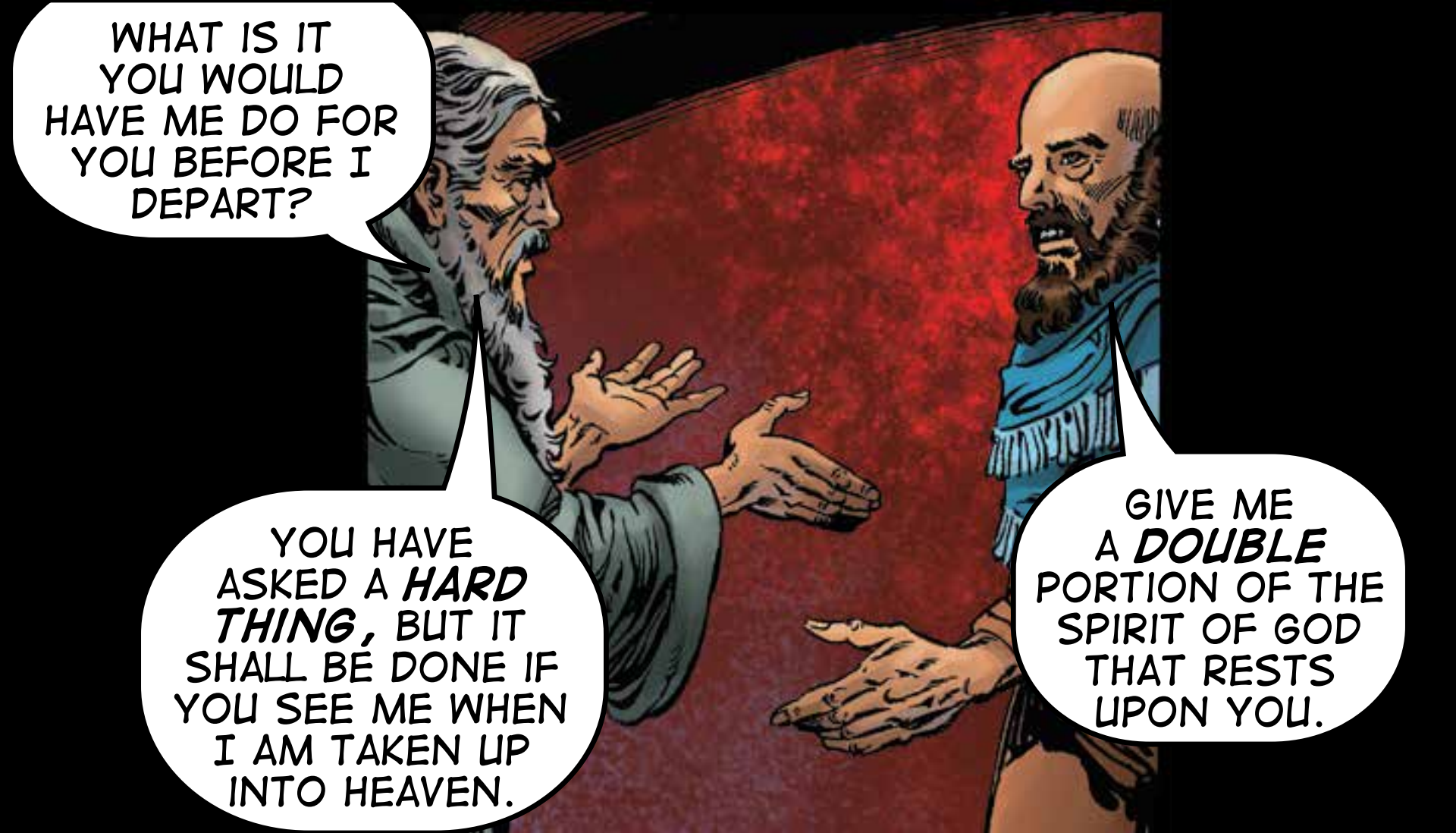
**DID YOU SEE THAT?
THE WATER STOOD UP SO THEY CAN PASS.**

**YEAH,
JUST LIKE WITH MOSES.**

A crowd of people in various tunics and hats, looking towards the right. The scene is set outdoors.

I WOULDN'T HAVE MISSED THIS FOR ANYTHING.

I WISH THE PROPHETS OF BAAL COULD HAVE SEEN THIS!



WHAT IS IT
YOU WOULD
HAVE ME DO FOR
YOU BEFORE I
DEPART?

YOU HAVE
ASKED A **HARD
THING**, BUT IT
SHALL BE DONE IF
YOU SEE ME WHEN
I AM TAKEN UP
INTO HEAVEN.

GIVE ME
A **DOUBLE**
PORTION OF THE
SPIRIT OF GOD
THAT RESTS
UPON YOU.

2 KINGS 2:8-11

**THE
CHARIOT
OF GOD!**

**AND A
WHIRLWIND!**



WROARRRR



THE CHARIOT OF FIRE
SEPARATED ELIJAH
FROM ELISHA.



ELIJAH WAS TAKEN
UP TO HEAVEN IN
THE WHIRLWIND.

THEN ALL WAS QUIET.
ELIJAH WAS NOW IN
GOD'S PRESENCE.

ALL THAT
IS LEFT IS HIS
MANTLE. IT IS
WHAT HE USED
TO PART THE
WATERS.

2 KINGS 2:11-13





WHERE IS
THE GOD OF
ELIJAH?



**THE SPIRIT
OF ELIJAH IS
UPON ELISHA!**

WHOP!

**MAN,
THIS IS
SOME KIND
OF DAY!**



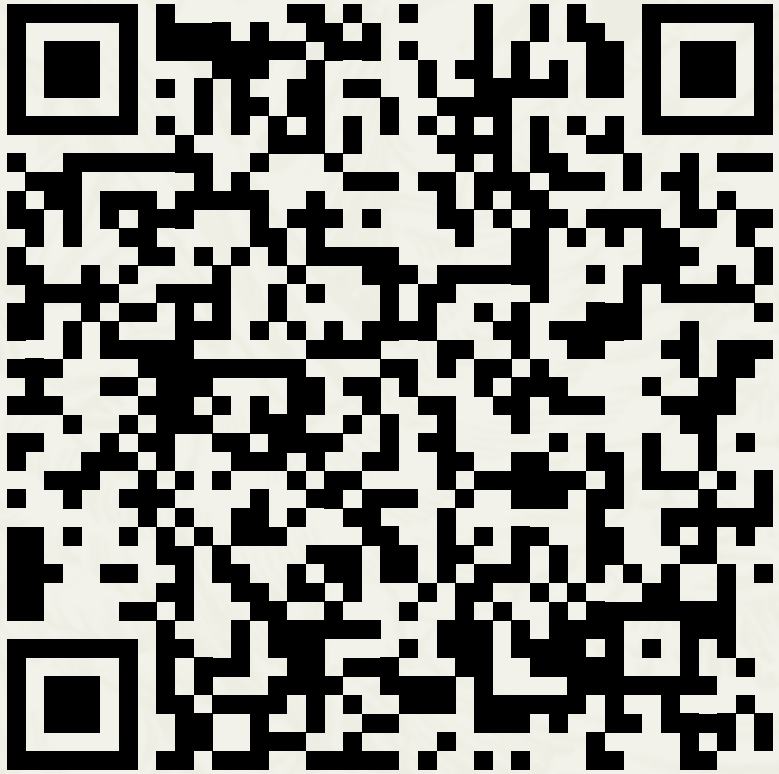
ELISHA WENT ON TO PERFORM TWICE AS MANY MIRACLES AS DID ELIJAH. HE WAS FAITHFUL TO GOD, BUT THE PEOPLE WOULD NOT COMPLETELY TURN FROM THEIR IDOLATRY.

WHERE DID ELIJAH GO?

WE MUST GO LOOK FOR HIM!

THERE IS NO USE. HE IS GONE TO HEAVEN.

2 KINGS 2:14-16



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