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c. 870 B.C.

King Ahab wanted to kill Elijah because God's prophet said that there would be a drought. Ahab had all the nations search for Elijah. Ahab's men told him that Elijah could not be found.

After many days without rain, God told Elijah that it was time to face Ahab. Elijah met up with Obadiah and asked him to tell Ahab that Elijah is here. Obadiah thought he would die if he told Ahab this and then Elijah decided not to show up. Elijah assured Obadiah that he would confront Ahab that very day.

Elijah met with Ahab and they sent for all of Israel to gather at Mount Carmel. There were 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Asherah against God's prophet to see which was the real God. Two altars were built. The true God would send fire from heaven and consume the sacrifice.

The prophets of Baal and Asherah prayed from morning until evening. They danced and cut themselves to please Baal so he might light the fire. Then Elijah poured water on his altar three times so that a trench around it was filled with water. He prayed to God, and God sent fire from heaven that consumed the sacrifice, stones, dust, and water. The Baal prophets were captured and killed. Elijah said it would rain again, and the drought was over.

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Greenleaf Guide to OT, p. 110

Child's Story Bible, pgs. 175–179

Children's Illustrated Bible,

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Elijah Confronts Ahab

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King Ahab wanted Naboth's vineyard for a vegetable garden because it was right beside his palace. Ahab offered to buy the vineyard from Naboth, but Naboth refused to sell it because it was his family's land. When Naboth refused the king's offer, Ahab went home and pouted.

Queen Jezebel was astounded that her husband, the king, would act in such a way. She promised Ahab that she would get the vineyard for him. Jezebel sent a message using the king's seal. She demanded two people to testify falsely at a fast saying that Naboth had cursed God and the king. Jezebel's plan was carried out, and Naboth was stoned on the accusation that he cursed God and the king. King Ahab then took possession of Naboth's vineyard.

God sent Elijah to confront Ahab with his sin. Elijah told Ahab that his family would be greatly punished. Those of Ahab's house who died in the city would be eaten by dogs. Those who died in the field would be eaten by birds.

Ahab grieved by tearing his clothes, fasting, and putting on sackcloth. Elijah told Ahab that the punishment would not come on his house until after Ahab had died since he was sorry for his sins.

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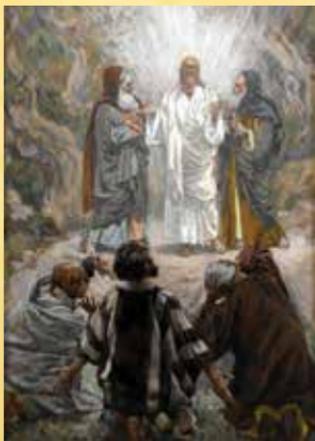
Elijah Taken
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II Kings 2

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II Kings 2
c. 850 B.C.

Elijah journeyed to say farewell to the sons of the prophets located in Bethel and Jericho. Elijah asked Elisha to stay behind as he made his final visits, but Elisha refused to leave him. Fifty sons of the prophets followed them to the Jordan River where they could watch.

Elijah folded up his mantle and struck the Jordan River so it divided. Elijah and Elisha crossed over. Elijah offered Elisha a wish before he left him. A double portion of Elijah's spirit was requested by Elisha. Elisha's wish would be granted to him only if he saw Elijah when he was taken up. A chariot of fire appeared and Elijah was taken up in a whirlwind. Elisha tore his clothes and picked up Elijah's mantle. He struck the Jordan with Elijah's mantle so he could cross over. This signified that Elisha was taking over Elijah's role as God's main prophet of that time. Elisha had been able to see Elijah when he was taken up, and the Bible records Elisha doing twice as many miracles as Elijah.



Elijah at the Transfiguration of Christ

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Greenleaf Guide to OT, p. 114

Child's Story Bible, pgs. 190, 191

Children's Illustrated Bible, p. 146

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The Shunammite Woman's Son is Healed

Ministry and Miracles of Elisha

II Kings 2-13

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c. 850 B.C.

A poor widow had a debt that she could not pay. Elisha had her gather all of the jars that she could. She poured her last jar of oil into the jars, and the oil did not run out until the last jar was filled. The widow sold the oil and paid her debt.

A Shunammite woman was helpful to Elisha during his travels, so he promised her a son to reward her. When the son grew older he died. The woman went to Elisha and would not release him until he came with her. Elisha raised the boy from the dead.

A group of prophets including Elisha cooked a pot of stew and accidentally cooked in poisonous gourds. After they had begun eating, they realized they had been poisoned. Elisha saved them by adding some meal to the pot.

Elisha sent word to Naaman, a leper, to wash in the Jordan seven times. Naaman was angry that Elisha did not offer to heal him in the way which Naaman expected. Naaman left angry, but his servants convinced him to trust Elisha's command. Naaman obeyed Elisha and was healed.

Elisha and some prophets were building a house along the Jordan. An axe head flew off into the water. Elisha threw a stick in the water, and the axe head floated so they could retrieve it.

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