

WHEN THE FASTEN SEATBELT SIGN COMES ON...

Pt. 2 Fasten Your Seatbelt and REMEMBER

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1 Kings 17:1-4 (NIV)

^[1] Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."

^[2] Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah:

^[3] "Leave here..."

1 Kings 17:9 (NIV)

^[9] "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food."

1 Kings 18:1-2 (NIV)

^[1] After a long time, in the third year, the word of the LORD came to Elijah: "Go and present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the land."

^[2] So Elijah went to present himself to Ahab. Now the famine was severe in Samaria...

1 Kings 18:19 (NIV)

^[19] Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table.

1 Kings 18:27-29 (NIV)

^[27] At noon Elijah began to taunt them. "Shout louder!" he said. "Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened."

^[28] So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed.

^[29] Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention.

1 Kings 18:36-40 (NIV)

^[36] At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command.

^[37] Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again."

^[38] Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

^[39] When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!"

1 Kings 19:1-18 (NIV)

[1] Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.

[2] So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them."

[3] Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there,

[4] while he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors."

[8] So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

[9] There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

[10] He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

[11] The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.

[12] After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

[13] When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

[14] He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

[15] The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram.

[16] Also, anoint Jehu king over Israel, and anoint Elisha to succeed you as prophet.

[17] Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu.

[18] Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him."

REMEMBER

Psalms 77:11-13 (NIV)

^[11] I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.

^[12] I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds.

^[13] Your ways, O God, are holy. What god is so great as our God?