

Elijah and Elisha

#4, Obadiah – I Kings 18:1-16

The Lord spoke to Elijah again and sent him back into dangerous territory. Back to Israel!
Back to Ahab!

1 Now it happened after many days that the word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, saying, "Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the face of the earth." 2 So Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. Now the famine was severe in Samaria.

3 Ahab called Obadiah who was over the household. (Now Obadiah feared the Lord greatly; 4 for when Jezebel destroyed the prophets of the Lord, Obadiah took a hundred prophets and hid them by fifties in a cave, and provided them with bread and water.)

5 Then Ahab said to Obadiah, "Go through the land to all the springs of water and to all the valleys; perhaps we will find grass and keep the horses and mules alive, and not have to kill some of the cattle." 6 So they divided the land between them to survey it; Ahab went one way by himself and Obadiah went another way by himself.

[1.] v:1-2, Go, show yourself, **What was the Lord about to do?**

[2.] v:3, over the household. **Jot down what you think Obadiah's job was.**

[3.] v:3-4, Jezebel destroyed, **Who is Jezebel?**

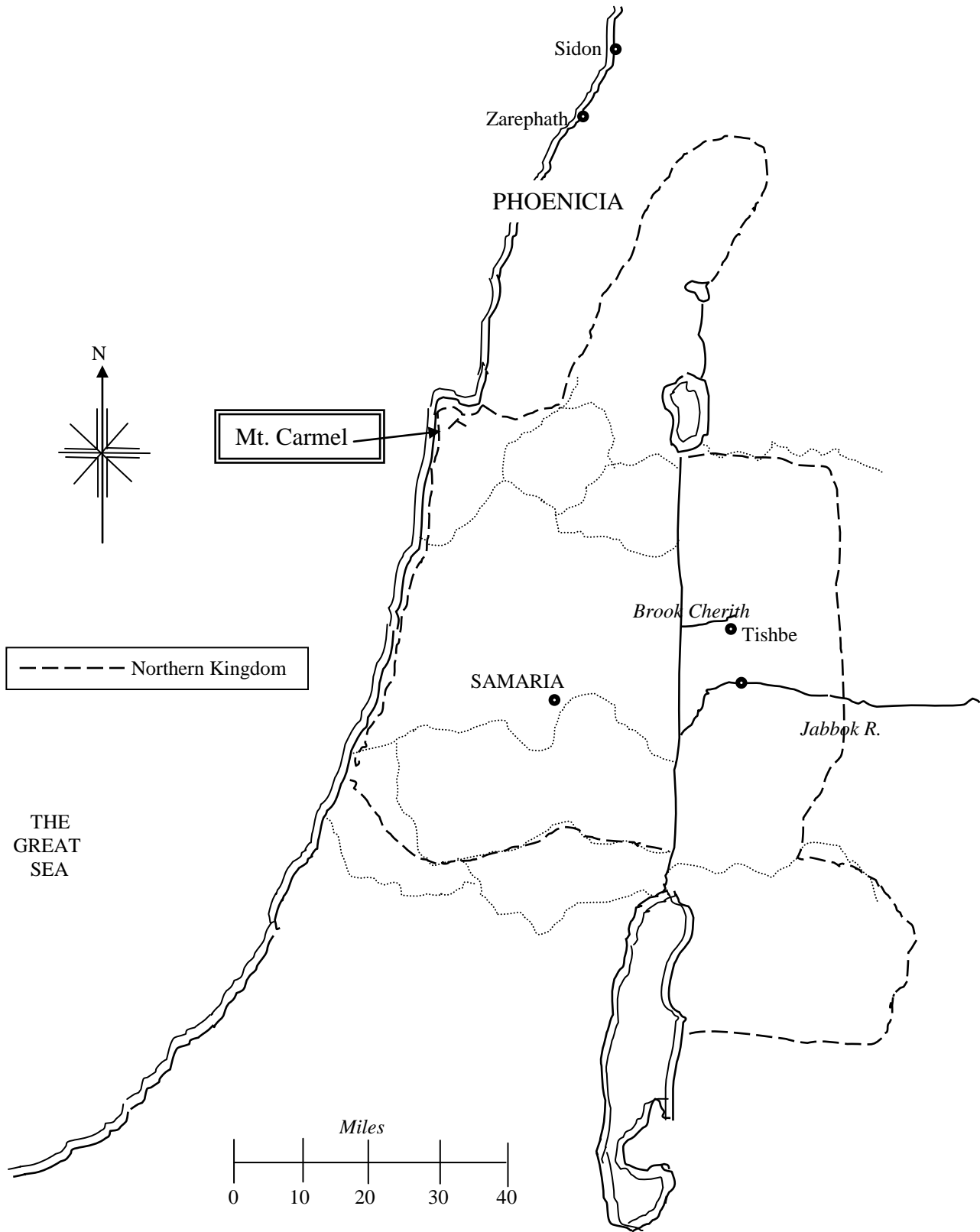
[4.] v:3-4 again, **Who, in the palace, would Obadiah be in constant conflict with?**

[5.] v:5-6, Ahab said to Obadiah, **This verse reveals how destitute things had become in Samaria. What was Ahab's plan?**

[6.] **On the map (next page) draw a circle around the combined area that was to be searched.**

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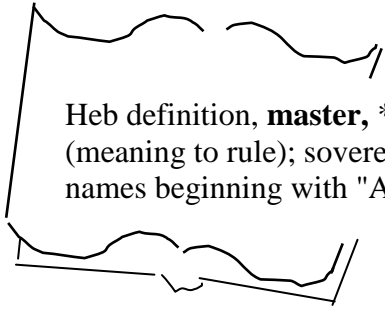
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7 Now as Obadiah was on the way, behold, Elijah met him, and he recognized him and fell on his face and said, "Is this you, Elijah my master?" 8 He said to him, "It is I. Go, say to your master, 'Behold, Elijah is here.'"



Heb definition, **master**, *OT:113 '(aw-done)'; or (shortened) 'adon (aw-done)'; from an unused root (meaning to rule); sovereign, i.e. controller (human or divine): KJV - lord, master, owner. Compare also names beginning with "Adoni-".
Strong's Numbers and Concordance

[7.] v:7, Elijah met him, This was not just coincidence! Jot down the events, that God caused, for this meeting to take place.

[8.] v:7-8, master, These verses reference two masters. Which one is which?

[9.] v:8, say to your master, This seems a little different. In v:1, what did the Lord command Elijah to do?

[10.] v:9, What sin have I committed, He didn't come right out and say it but, in your own words, what was Obadiah's reaction to Elijah's instruction?

[10.] v:10, search for you, Ahab's man hunt was complete. What would have happened to any one who had lied to him?

9 He said, "What sin have I committed, that you are giving your servant into the hand of Ahab to put me to death?"

10 "As the Lord your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my master has not sent to search for you; and when they said, 'He is not here,' he made the kingdom or nation swear that they could not find you.

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11 "And now you are saying, 'Go, say to your master, "Behold, Elijah is here.'" 12 "It will come about when I leave you that the Spirit of the Lord will carry you where I do not know; so when I come and tell Ahab and he cannot find you, he will kill me, although I your servant have feared the Lord from my youth.

13 " Has it not been told to my master what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the Lord, that I hid a hundred prophets of the Lord by fifties in a cave, and provided them with bread and water? 14 "And now you are saying, 'Go, say to your master, "Behold, Elijah is here"' ; he will then kill me." 15 Elijah said, " As the Lord of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to him today."

16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

[11.] v:11-12, the Lord will carry you where I do not know, Regarding Elijah and recent events, what was Obadiah referring to?

[16.] v:13-15, Elijah is here, Obadiah worried that Ahab would suspect something. What was it?

[17.] v:13-15 again, At the risk of being accused of misreading this portion, I will state that, Elijah commanded Obadiah into unnecessary danger. Had he gone to Ahab himself, would Ahab suspect Obadiah?

[18.] Question [17.], Suppose you agree with me. Write down what Elijah could be thinking.

[19.] v:16, Obadiah went, As it turned out, there was a happy ending however, why do you think Obadiah's relationship toward Elijah might have changed?

[20.] In conclusion, nagging fear has always been a problem for believers. According to II Cor:12 8-10, why doesn't the Lord just remove it?

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