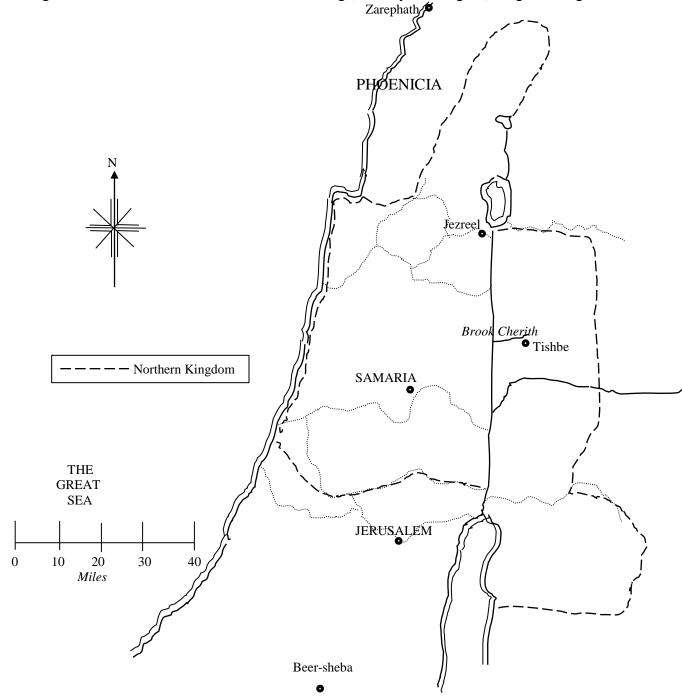
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I Kings 19:1, Now Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.

We have read in I Kings 16:31 that Jezebel, Ahab's wife, was the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians. She was, at this time, the avenue of bringing Baal worship into Israel. Baal was Ethbaal's favorite god and therefore also her favorite. Her father's religion was her religion, and her fathers puppets were also her puppets. The execution of her fathers puppets made daddy look bad! It had become a family thing! Now the blood of those, who so recently were at her "beck and call", was soaking into the shore of the Kishon. In white hot rage, "daddy's little girl", sought revenge.



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- 1 Now Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and even more, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time."
- 3 And he was afraid and arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

Hint

In order to make this lesson as pleasant as possible, locate Beer sheba on the maps (pg#1 and 4). This is a key reference point that will provide you with your own bearings of Elijah's entire journey.

- [1.] v:1-2, may the gods do to me, This definitely did not smack of a "welcome to Jezreel" salutation. Why or why don't you think Jezebel's little toy gods could fulfill the threat?
- [2.] v:3, After all he had been through this seems inconceivable but choose what you feel might have been Elijah's problem.
- a) had always been afraid of women.
- b) after the past run he needed a good nights sleep.
- c) had been on the "front lines" too long.
- d) lost his focus.
- [3.] Let's review some facts: From I Kings 17:1-3, why did Elijah flee from Ahab?
- [4.] From I Kings 17:8-9, why did Elijah leave the Ravens?
- [5.] From I Kings 18:1, why did Elijah leave the widow?
- [6.] From I Kings 19:2-3, This time, who directed Elijah to run?

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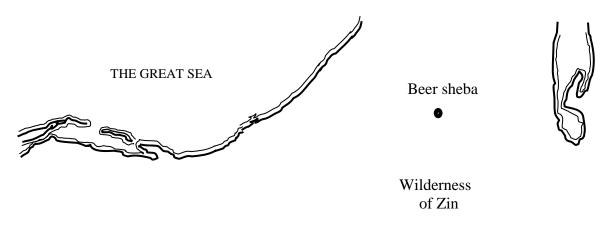
[7.] question [6.] Why might it be possible for Christians to anticipate what the Lord wants and as a result stumble off on some strange direction?

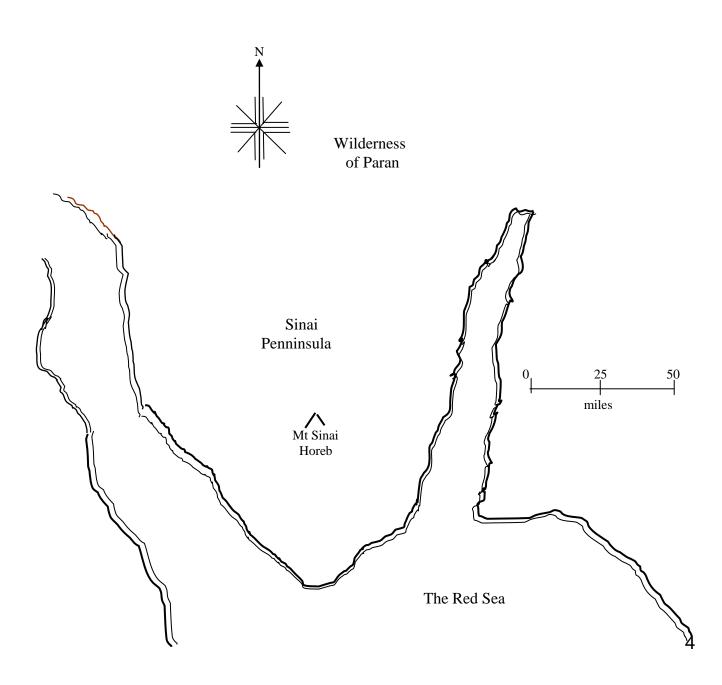
- [8.] back again to v:3, Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, Who at this time was king of Judah?
- [9.] question [8.] What kind of king was the king of Judah?
- [10.] You probably already predicted that I would ask this question so here we go! Pretend you are frightened Elijah and on your map (pg #1) draw the probable route he took when he started on his run.
- [11.] v:4, went a day's journey, Hey, another cool map (pg#4). Describe how far you think Elijah went in a day?
- [12.] v:4 again, he might die, and said, "It is enough, What was Elijah's mental state?

NOTE: On pg#5 look for one more question from v:4.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree; and he requested for himself that he might die, and said, "It is enough; now, 0 Lord, take my life, for I am not better than my fathers."

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[13.] v:4 last time, I am not better than my fathers, Decide, from the choices, what Elijah could have meant?

- a) I thought my life would outshine my predecessors.
- b) My fathers were also frightened.
- c) A human's faith is sometimes weak.
- [14.] v:5, an angel touching him, Why should Elijah take this as an encouraging sign?
- 5 He lay down and slept under a juniper tree; and behold, there was an angel touching him, and he said to him, "Arise, eat."
- [15.] v:6, So he ate and drank, Write down another time that Elijah was supernaturally fed.
- 6 Then he looked and behold, there was at his head a bread cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank and lay down again. 7 The angel of the Lord came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise, eat, because the journey is too great for you."
- [16.] v:7, journey is too great for you, Hey wait a minute, How could the angel know that Elijah was not done running?
- [17.] question [16.], Why should us Christians take note of the fact that the Lord knows when we also are planning to bolt?
- 8 So he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of God.
- [18.] v:8, forty days and forty nights, Write down some other events that were also of this duration?

[19.] v:8 again, to Horeb, the mountain of God, What is another name for Mt. Horeb?

[20.] question [19.] What other significant event happened there?

[21.] v:8 last time, "As the crow flies", estimate the number of miles from Beersheba to Horeb that Elijah stumbled over without taking food or water?

[22.] xtra credit, Describe the person that would do such a thing.

