

## *Elijah and Elisha*

#7, abrupt departure - I Kings 19:1-8

We can't be sure what happen to Elijah but, at this point there was a definite change. As the account continues, we see a person that seems to have been swallowed up in fear. He had experienced God's power and miracles but his ministry might have taken its toll!

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.

[1.] Reviewing last lesson, where did we leave Elijah?

[2.] v:1-2, Jezebel sent a messenger, Write down what you think Elijah might have expected from the people, after the victory at Mt. Carmel?

[3.] v:3, arose and ran, After all he had been through, this seems inconceivable but, choose what you feel might have been Elijah's real problem.

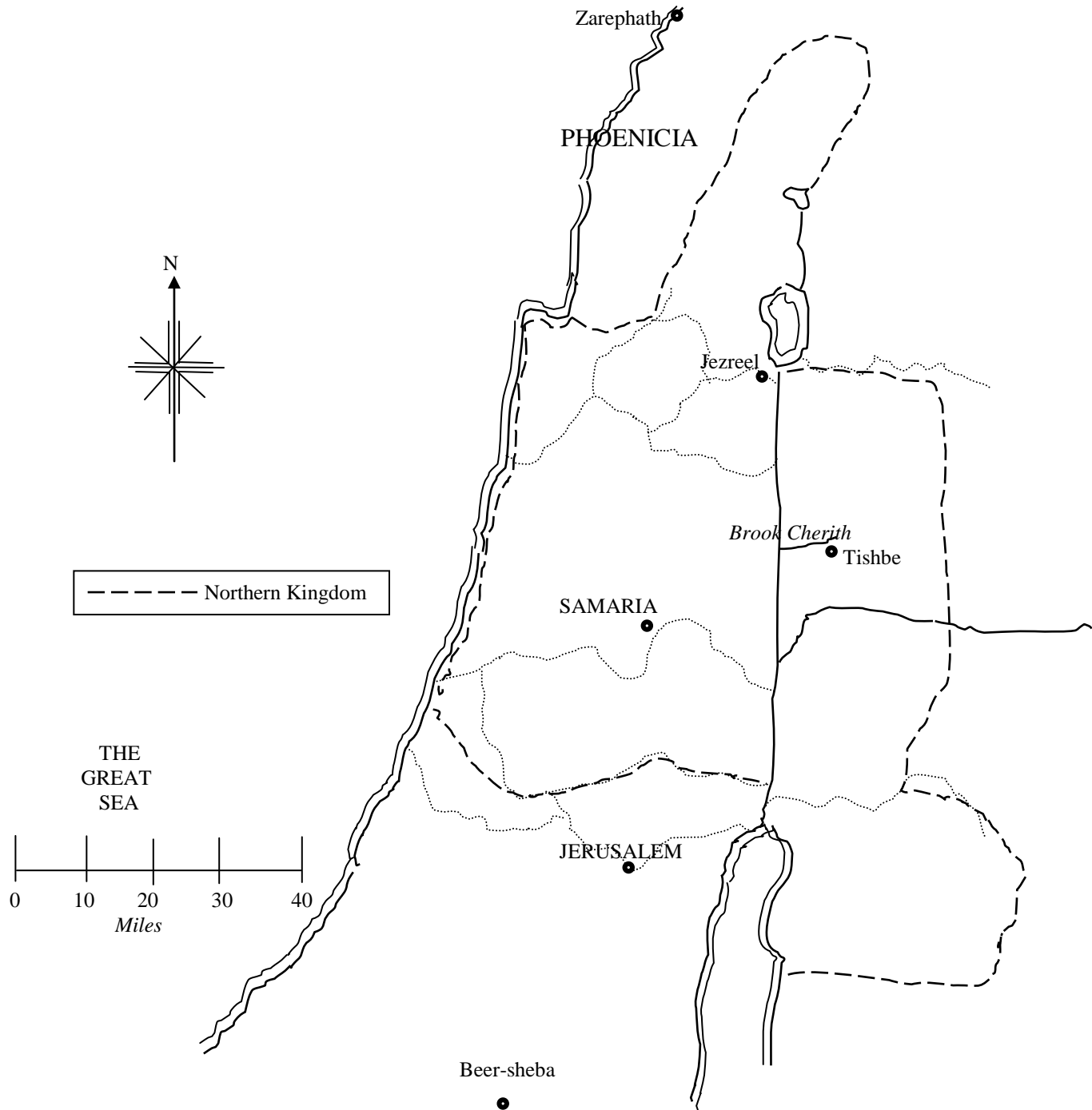
- a) Had always been afraid of women.
- b) After the past run he needed a few days rest.
- c) Had been on the "front lines" too long.
- d) Ran ahead of the Lord.

[4.] Let's review some facts: From I Kings 17:1-3, why did Elijah flee from Ahab?

[5.] From I Kings 17:8-9, why did Elijah leave the Ravens?

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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, O Lord, take my life, for I am not better than my fathers."

[6.] From I Kings 18:1, why did Elijah leave the widow?

[7.] From I Kings 19:2-3, This time, who caused Elijah to run?

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

[9.] back to I Ki 19:3, came to Beersheba, About how far did Elijah and his servant run

[10.] v:4 again, It is enough, What was Elijah's mental state?

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

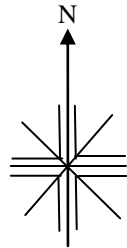
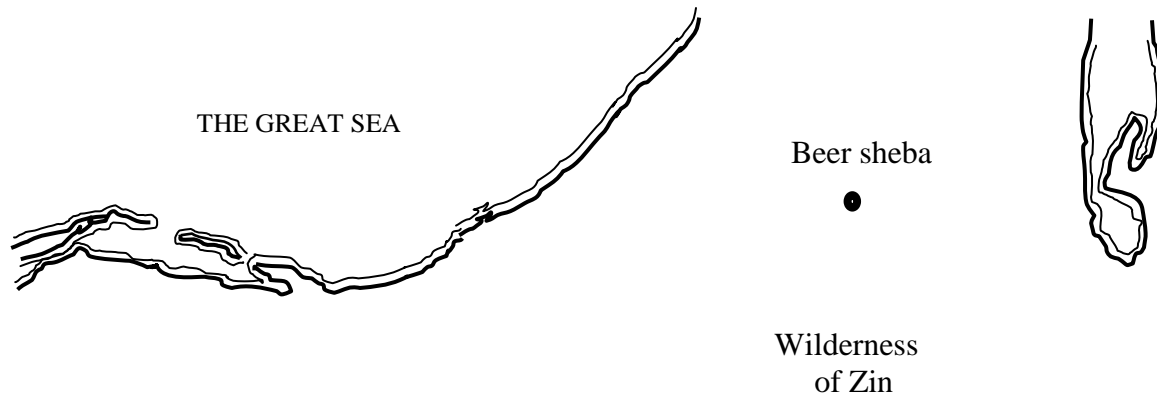
a) I thought my life would outshine my predecessors.

b) My fathers were also frightened.

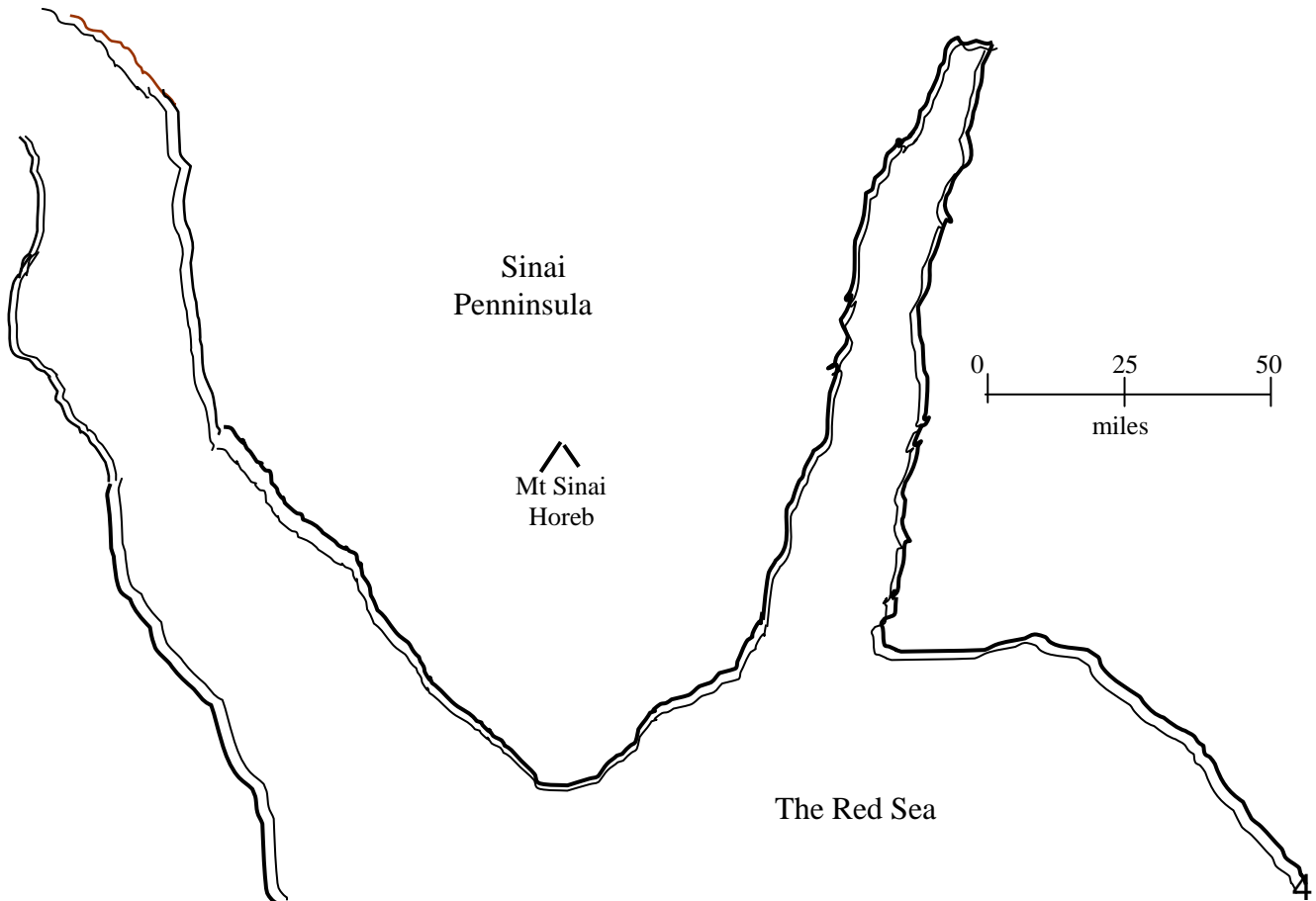
c) A human's faith is sometimes weak.

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Wilderness  
of Paran



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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."

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."

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.

[12.] v:5, an angel touching him, **Why should Elijah take this as an encouraging sign?**

[13.] v:6, So he ate and drank, **Write down other times that Elijah was supernaturally fed.**

[14.] v:7, journey is too great for you, **How could the angel know that Elijah was not done running?**

[15.] question [14.], **Why should we as believers take note of the fact that, the Lord knows if we also are planning to bolt?**

[16.] v:8, forty days and forty nights, **Write down some other events that were also of this duration?**

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

[18.] question [17.] **What other significant event happened there?**

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[19.] v:8, the mountain of God, Initially, Elijah was content to die back at the wilderness of Paran. Now he seems to be drawn here. What do you feel is the reason?

[20.] Something to think about. What did you learn from this lesson?

### **NOTES**

