

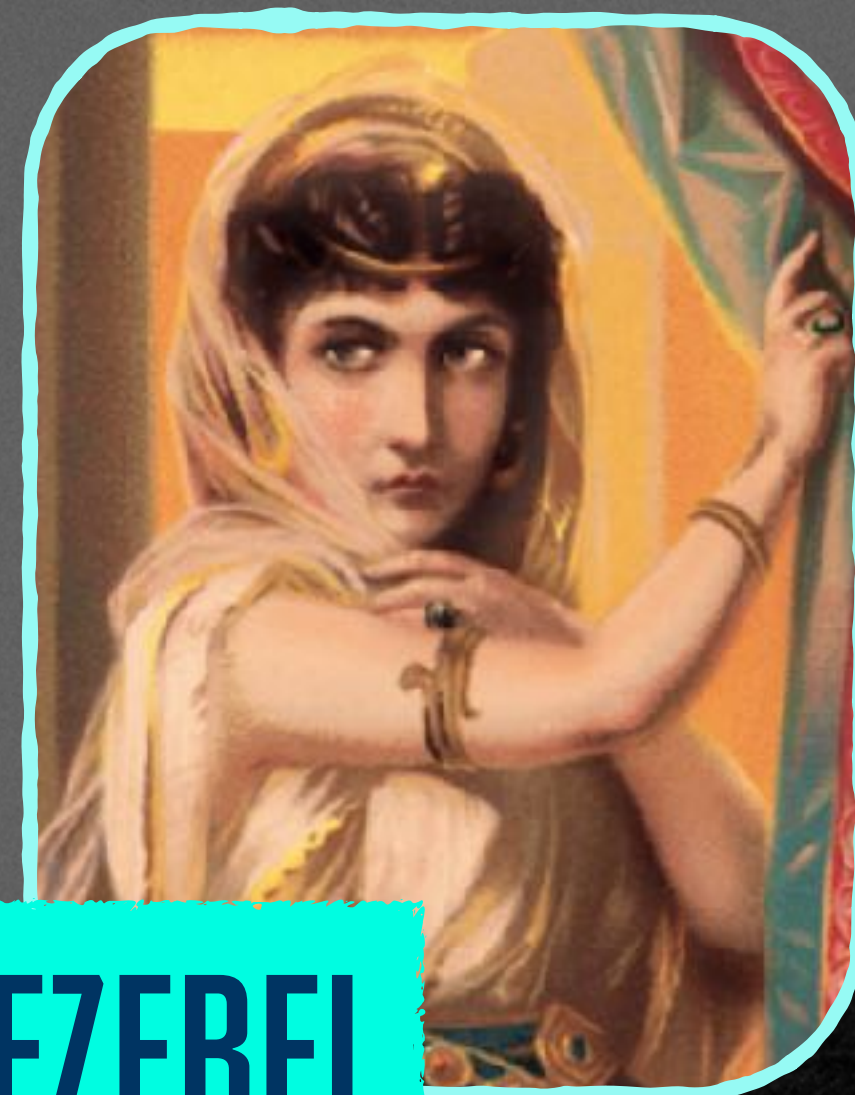
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**SOME OF THE MOST ANOINTED PROPHETS  
LIVED AND SERVED IN THE SAME ERA AS THE  
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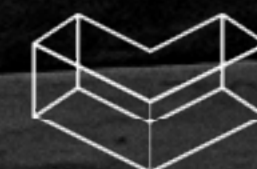


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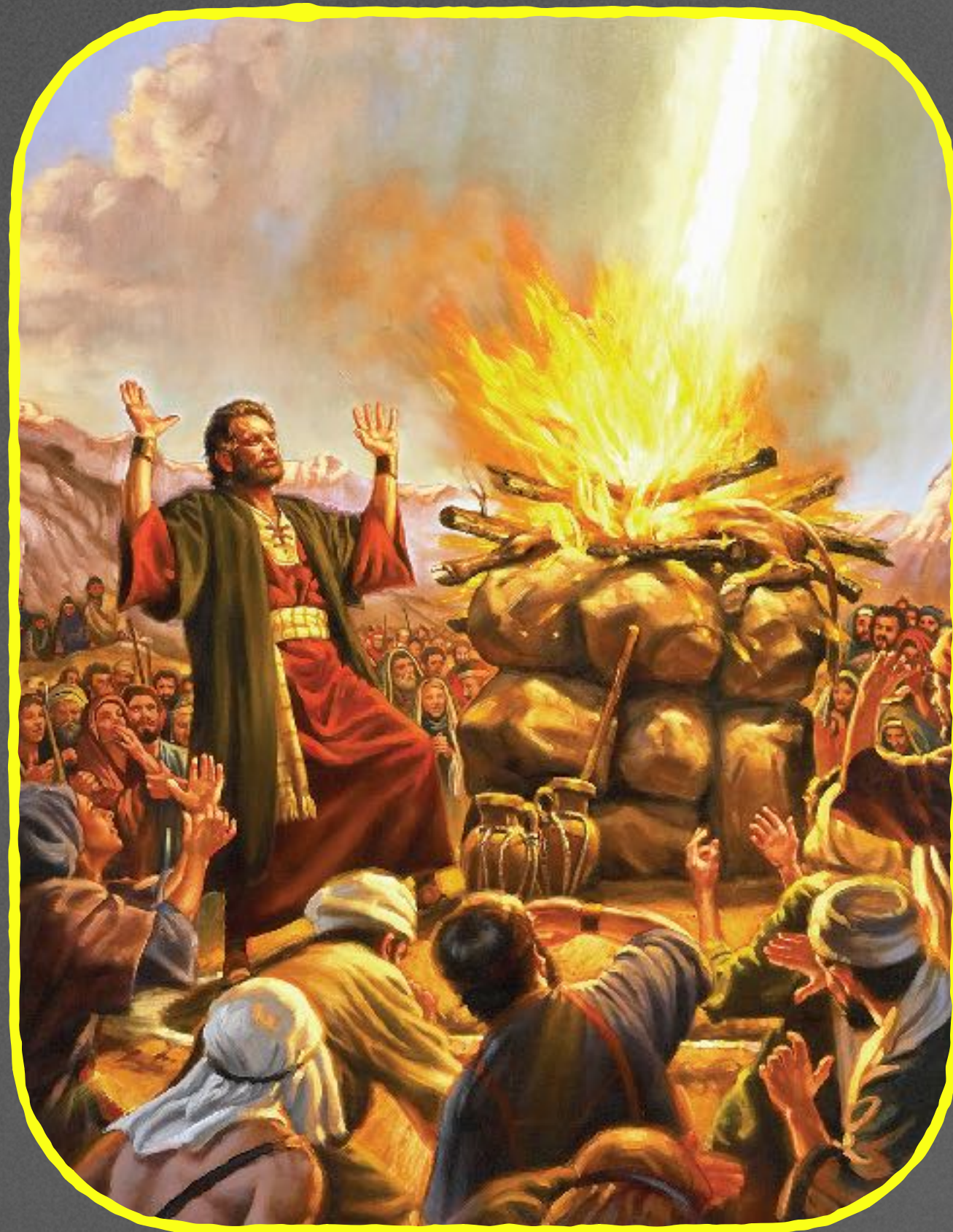
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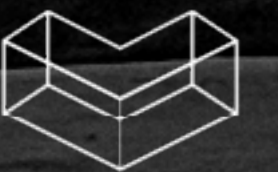




Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.”

**1 KINGS 18 : 21**

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# Charles Spurgeon



“Fits of depression come over the most of us. Usually cheerful as we may be, we are at intervals cast down. The strong are not always vigorous, the wise not always ready, the brave not always courageous, and the joyous not always happy.”



# ELIJAH'S RESPONSE

When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there. <sup>4</sup> He came to a broom bush, 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.”

**1 KINGS 19:3-4**

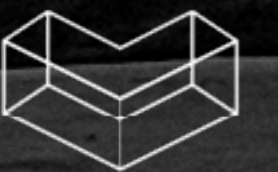
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He left his servant.

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He asked the Lord to take his life away.

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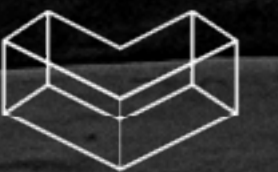
# 3 THINGS THE LORD DID FOR ELIJAH

- 1 He **nourished** Elijah.  
(Verse 6)
- 2 He **touched** Elijah.  
(Verse 5)
- 3 He **listened** to Elijah.  
(Verse 9)



God treated Elijah as a physical, relational, emotional, as well as a spiritual being.

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# WHY DID ELIJAH GO TO MT. HOREB?



Centuries before, Elijah's predecessor **Moses** went up on Mount Horeb and said *"I want to see Your glory."*

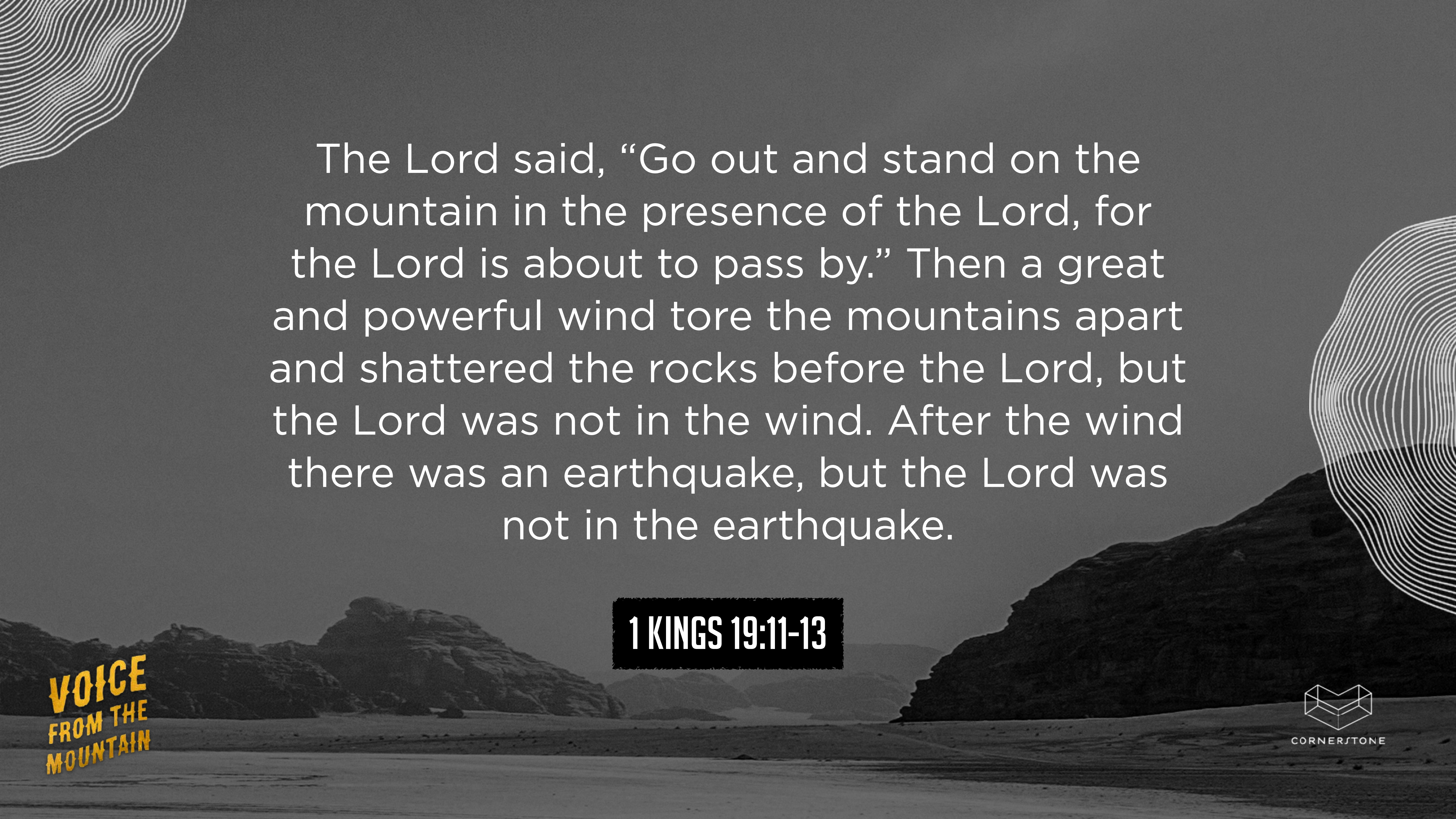


Mount Horeb is another name for **Mount Sinai**.

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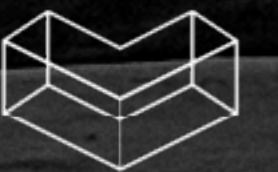




The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was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

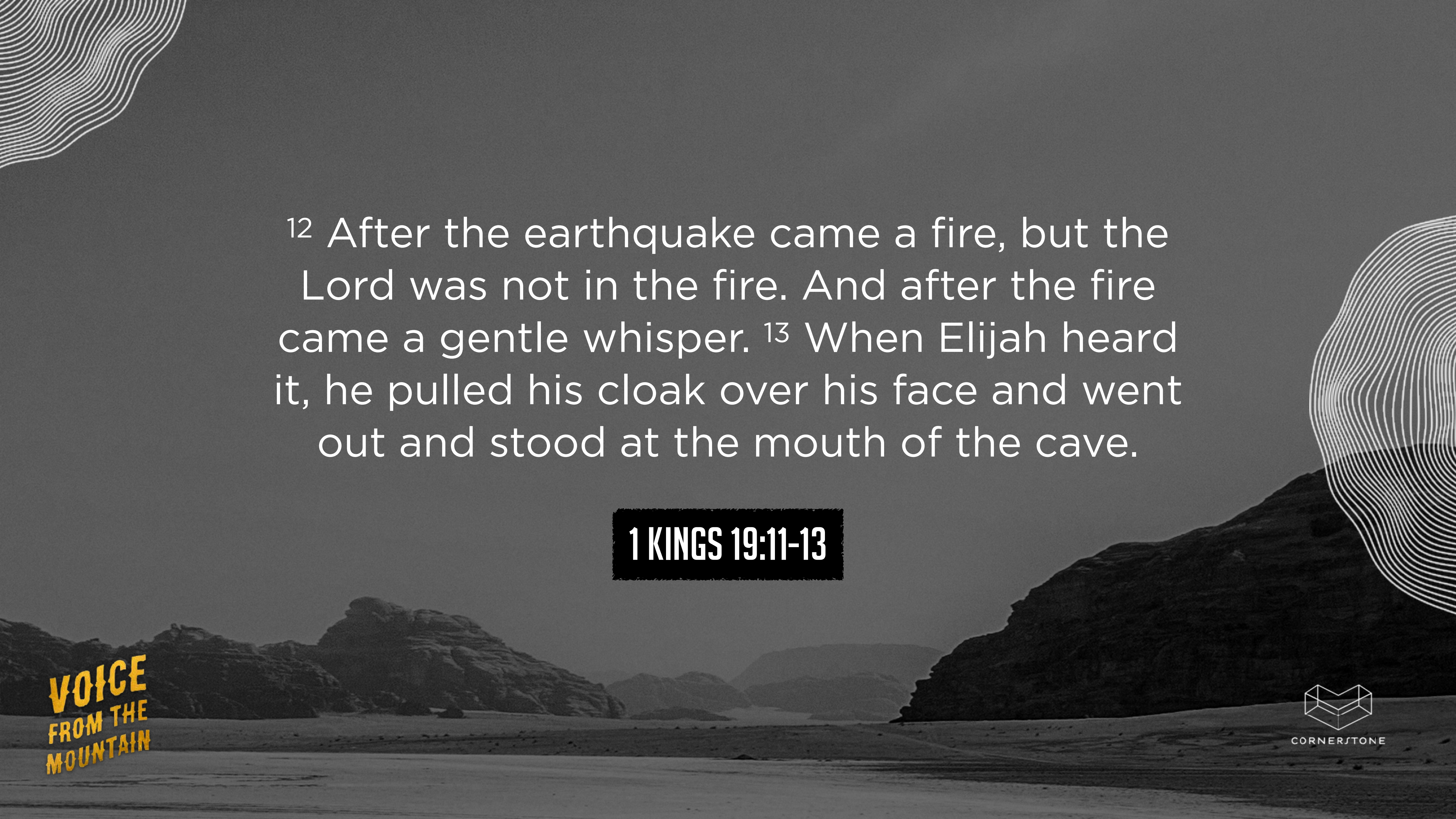
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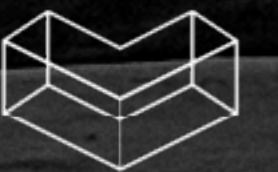




<sup>12</sup> After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

**1 KINGS 19:11-13**

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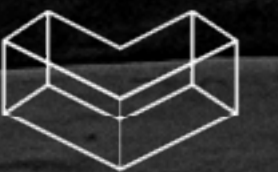
**MOSES**



**ELIJAH**

**MOSES AND ELIJAH HAD VERY SIMILAR  
YET DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES  
ON THE SAME MOUNTAINTOP.**

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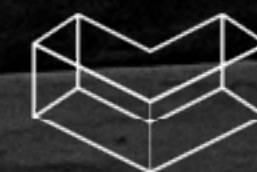


# EXPECTATION AMID SILENCE

‘A still small voice’  
actually means  
‘A sound of thin silence.’

When we approach the divine with  
expectation, He will always speak.

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# DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MOSES AND ELIJAH



God used the big, the explosive, and loud with Moses.

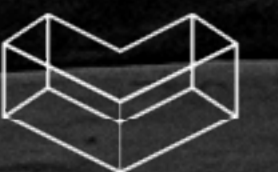


But He used the soft, mild, and calm with Elijah.



It's possible that God is giving us our own mountaintop experience, but we're resisting and waiting to have someone else's.

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# ELIJAH'S FRUSTRATIONS

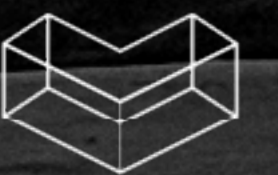


- “I’ve obeyed everything You’ve said, why aren’t You doing anything now?”
- He put God in a box.
- He thinks he’s the only one on this journey.

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Elijah’s limited view of God and how God works let him down.



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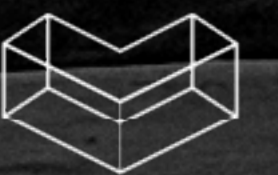


# GOD HAD A PLAN ALL ALONG

Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet.

**1 KINGS 19:15-18**

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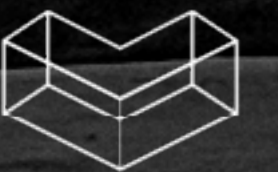


# GOD HAD A PLAN ALL ALONG

<sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.

**1 KINGS 19:15-18**

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# WHAT WE NEED TO DO

## 1) EXPOSE THE LIE

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Twice, Elijah responds with a mixture of truth and error.

- “I’ve been zealous for You.” True
- “The Israelites have rejected You.” True
- “They’ve killed Your prophets.” True
- “I’m the only one left.” False

Much of our unhappiness in life is because we’re listening, instead of talking to ourselves.



# WHAT WE NEED TO DO

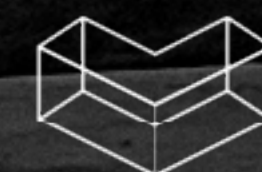
## 2) GET BACK TO YOUR ASSIGNMENT

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And the Lord said to him,  
“Go, return on your way to the  
wilderness of Damascus. And when  
you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael  
to be king over Syria.”

**1 KINGS 19:15**

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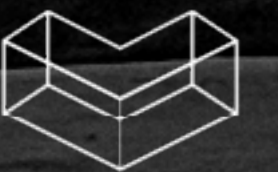
# WHAT WE NEED TO DO

## 3) DON'T RELY ON A FORMULA

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- If we keep being fixated on a formula, we may elbow out other biblical ways God gives Himself to us.
- Don't fall back on a formula, but get to know the precious Helper.

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