

1. The verb, “saying,” is the Qal imperfect of אָמַר (*'amar*). In the Old Testament, God communicates by words to certain individuals. In the New Testament, God communicates to believers through the written canon of Scripture.
2. Although, evangelists and pastors communicate by means of the spoken word, that information is gleaned through the system of hermeneutics. It is imperative that the believer remain consistent in his spiritual growth in order that his inventory of doctrines can consistently perform as the working objects of his application.
3. Elijah has completed the task of informing King Ahab of the impending drought and the news that the event will continue for years. Ahab predictably does not take Elijah’s threats lightly so it is imperative that the prophet withdraw and go AWOL.
4. In verse 3, God provides Elijah with directions on how to do so and remain in obscurity:

1 Kings 17:3 “Go away from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan.

1. There is now a price on Elijah’s head. There is no time to hang around the palace or the city of Samaria. The Lord gives Elijah directions that will take him to a geographic location that will safely isolate him from Ahab’s search party.
2. The first is the Qal imperative, “go away from here,” followed by the directions, “turn eastward and hide yourself by the brook Cherith.” The Lord makes sure Elijah is situated in a remote area that Ahab’s search party would not consider a likely hiding place.
3. These directions are accompanied the initial command, “Go away from here,” referring to Samaria. The stated objective is for Elijah “to hide,” the Niph’al perfect of the verb, סָתַם (*satham*): “to hide or to keep hidden.”
4. Cherith, כְּרִית (*Kerith*), is actually a wadi, or an arroyo, a valley or ravine that is dry except during the rainy season. It carries water from trans-Jordan’s mountainous regions of Gilead westward into the Jordan River.
5. Following the Lord’s directions for travel, He then tells Elijah how he will physically be sustained in:

1 Kings 17:4 “It shall be that you will drink of the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to provide for you there.”

1. Elijah is now a public figure who has challenged the supreme authority in Israel by declaring Ahab's kingdom will suffer a drought for an unspecified period of time.
2. He is a marked man. If there were post offices at that time, Elijah's picture would be posted inside as the kingdom's No. 1 "Most Wanted" criminal.
3. Not only that, but the drought is going to cause everyone to suffer the absence of logistical grace support. The capture of Elijah would enable every bounty hunter to insure his family's survival throughout the drought.
4. This requires Elijah to pass a two-tiered test of logistical supply. His food supply is resolved by the divinely commissioned ravens and the water supply will continue from Cherith until it is time for the Lord to direct him elsewhere.
5. There is the specter that Ahab's posse could show up unannounced. This is where doctrine of logistical grace comes in and Elijah was the man for the crisis. He was locked in because of his full understanding that if the Lord had picked him for the crisis, then God had a wall of fire protecting him.
6. PRINCIPLES:
 1. Client Nation America is under assault from several coordinated entities: (1) The intensification of the invisible war from Lucifer's demonic forces, (2) their coordination of acolytes recruited from among the human population, (3) the execution of strategies designed to disrupt law and order within the population, (4) the transformation of the nation away from a republic governed by the people over to one administered by the few, and (5) the imposition of progressive strategies that exchange personal freedoms for totalitarianism.
 2. The USA is the current client nation. Its political leadership is a mixture of competing ideologies while under the authority of the nation's State Papers: The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and subsequent Amendments.
 3. Forces for the maintenance of freedom insured by these State Papers is presently occupied by a mixture of competing forces, generally distinguished as the Democrat and Republican parties.
 4. In the Legislative branch, the Democrat Party is primarily in opposition to the status quo provided by the State Papers while the Republican Party is primarily supportive of the State Papers.



5. Currently, the House of Representatives is controlled by those in opposition to the State Papers among the Democrat Party while the Senate is controlled by support of the State Papers by the Republican Party.
6. The Executive Branch is independent of Congress but is bound by the State Papers and laws passed by the Legislative. The Executive Branch is presently occupied by the Republicans.
7. The Judicial Branch serves as an arbiter between the two noted above. This body passes muster or not on laws passed by the Legislative and signed by the Executive. This body is occupied by nine justices who presently approve or disapprove issues that come before its bar. Lately, its decisions have been split 5-4 with the swing vote, yea or nay, coming from Chief Justice John Roberts.
8. These three branches are responsible for the political tug-of-war that has become increasingly intensified over the course of the last 70 years.
9. It is impossible to compare a tripartite system designed to produce the will of 330-million citizens while at the same time pass muster from the nation's State Papers and a monarchy which imputes absolute power to one person who acquires it through primogeniture and rules absolutely.
7. The situation that takes place in 1 Kings occurs during the divided kingdoms: The monarchy located in Samaria, the capital of the Northern Kingdom of Israel, and Jerusalem, the capital of the Southern Kingdom of Judah.
8. The first seven kings of Israel have each been involved in the suppression of mandates imposed by the Mosaic Law while opting for the worship of idols.
9. These deviations from the doctrines imposed by the priesthood, currently available in Scripture, are ignored in favor of stocks and stones.
10. The divine solution for such heresy is the imposition of divine discipline administered through the five cycles of discipline. This process is underway during Ahab's reign and the Lord is preparing to intensify the discipline through the impositions of the five cycles.
11. From this analysis, we are able to compare two political systems, the one administered by King Ahab and the one administered by the American State Papers.

12. King Ahab, who is in opposition to the Mosaic Law, illustrates those in the United States who have deviated from divine guidance contained in Scripture over to the human viewpoint imposed by demon influence.
13. Israel's deviation from divine viewpoint into idolatry through the worship of Baal is repeated by the modern rejection of the laws of divine establishment and opposition to the tripartite structure of New Testament Scripture:
(1) salvation by faith alone in Christ alone, (2) support and observance of the laws of divine establishment, and (3) a. spiritual growth, b. acquisition of divine viewpoint under the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit, and c. application of doctrine under the divine guidance of the Holy Spirit.
14. The spiritual decline of the Northern Kingdom will be initially addressed by the divine imposition of a national drought. The spiritual decline of the United States is demonstrated by (1) The breakdown of law and order, (2) the coordinated occupation of certain cities by two terrorist groups, and (3) the calculated use of federalism to occupy certain states and cities where the loss of biblical thought is abundantly evident.
15. The solution to the Northern Kingdom's spiritual rebellion is the divine appointment of Elijah to stand fast in opposition against the insurgents' coup d'état.
16. The solution to the United States' spiritual rebellion was initiated by the divine insertion of Donald Trump into the presidency in 2017. He was not a politician but a businessman. He owed no allegiances to anyone; therefore he was uncompromised by politicians.
17. He was attacked for his entire first administration by leftists because of their strategy to transform the United States away from Federalism over to Nationalism.
18. Trump's efforts have concentrated on restoring nationalism and the integrity of our nation's identity as a free and independent country. In doing so, he has advanced personal freedom and prosperity by restoring capitalism's inherent power that most efficiently makes these things possible.
19. His progressive opponents' strategies verbalize their claim to uplift the poor but assert how to accomplish this is to give them more power to rule everyone's lives.
20. The result of this strategy is summed up nicely by Lord John Acton in his letter to Bishop Mandell Creighton in 1887:
"Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely."
21. The absolute power of Ahab is slowly being diminished by Elijah's proclamation of a drought.



1 Kings 17:5 So he went and did according to the word of the Lord, for he went and lived by brook Cherith which is east of the Jordan.

1. As we have noted, this is a remote location, hidden among the slopes of a mountain range in trans-Jordan. The drought is in the early stages of its progress but Elijah is confident that the Lord's nourishment will be supplied by ravens and water from the wadi Cherish.
2. These events are preparing Elijah to be the point man for God's dealings with both Ahab and the drought. Elijah has to completely submit to divine guidance and directives.
3. Although the drought has started because of the absence of rain, the waters of the brook continue to flow from the mountains of Gilead.

1 Kings 17:6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he would drink from the brook.

4. These two logistics were provided by birds and a wadi. Food by the ravens and water which was transferred from one geographic projection, the mountains, to a second geographic depression, the Jordan River.
5. Ravens are one of the smartest animals. When it comes to intelligence, these birds rate up there with chimpanzees and dolphins. Therefore, they are trainable and were deployed by the Lord to take meat to Elijah twice a day while he was isolated by the brook Cherish.
6. However, as time passed the water supply began to diminish because of the drought and it ultimately dried up.

1 King 17:7 It happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

7. This circumstance was the next test for Elijah. When logistics are diminished, often the believer loses faith. He was removed from association from others, his water supply was shrinking, and he was alone by a tributary of the Gilead mountains.
8. When a believer has been led by the Word to take a stand on an issue, to follow divine guidance, or to sequester himself away from a "madding crowd that is acting like a group of lunatics,"⁴ then it is doctrine that gives him the ability to stay the course.

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⁴ William Morris and Mary Morris, *Morris Dictionary of Word and Phrase Origins* (New York: Harper and Row, Publishers, 1977), 214.