

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 were 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.

9. Elijah sees his water supply diminishing indicating that the drought is underway. This will eventually affect his food supply from the ravens. He could entertain worry and fear, or he could opt instead for the faith-rest technique.
10. However, Elijah is God's man for the crisis. He will demonstrate this by his response to the diminishing logistical supply. God told him there would be a drought; Elijah told Ahab there would be a drought. The diminishing water supply confirmed the drought was underway.
11. Elijah is isolated and alone. But the brook confirmed that his proclamation to Ahab was no longer a prediction but now a reality. When a believer is by himself and totally dependent on divine provisions, is when the only reliable resource is the Word of God resident in his soul.
12. The presence of the drought could easily have influenced Elijah to place his emphasis on the withdrawal of logistics or he could place his emphasis on the one Who provides logistics.
13. The meat from the ravens and the water from Cherith were not the sources of his supply; they were simply the grace supply lines indicated by the Lord's statement 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."
14. Throughout a believer's life, he is the recipient of God's divine provisions. Logistics will be provided but they will be coordinated with the execution of the divine will regarding other circumstances that demand His attention.
15. When faith-rest is being tested, two circumstances are paramount: **(1)** the situation must be hopeless and **(2)** you must be helpless.
16. **Principle:** When human viewpoint concludes that one's situation is hopeless and helpless grace finds a way. As the supply line was being withdrawn at Cherith a new set of resources was being prepared.
17. Beginning in 1 Kings 18, the Lord reveals to Elijah his next destination. It is to a location northeast of Cherith and north of the Northern Kingdom to a Sīdōnian coastal city of Zārephath.
18. The water supply to Cherith is drying up because there was no rainfall in the land. The "brook" was returning to its status of a wadi, an arroyo, a ravine, or the Hebrew, נַחְלָה (*nachalah*): a streambed.
19. At Cherith, Elijah was biding his time waiting for his next instructions. What they will reveal is a conflict between a government enmeshed in idolatrous politics versus divine authority. In the Church Age the conflict is between Pivot Politics and Power Politics.



Principles Regarding Pivot Politics v. Power Politics

Politics: the art or science concerned with guiding or influencing governmental policy. Competition between interest groups for power and leadership; the total complex of relations between people living in a society.¹

1. Unless the situation is hopeless, there is no human solution, then there is no crisis. The crisis finds that power politics is unable to resolve the situation.
2. Pivot Politics emphasizes man's helplessness and simultaneously looks to the grace of God for a solution. Pivot Politics applies divine solutions.
3. Power Politics emphasizes change while Pivot Politics emphasizes grace and maintenance of the status quo.
4. The ongoing struggle between Pivot Politics and Power Politics describes the devil's world's modus operandi during the Invisible War.
5. Pivot Politics deemphasizes change as a panacea. Power Politics promotes the substitution of human rationales in place of the absolute principles contained in the Word of God.
6. Pivot Politics offers individual solutions but without manipulating human freedom.
7. Lucifer emphasizes Power Politics and enforces it through violence which only exchanges one set of evils for another.
8. Power Politics emphasizes social action, crusades, demonstrations, violence, arson, robbery, murder, mayhem, and the destruction of private property and free enterprise.
9. Pivot Politics does none of these things. It breaks no laws, sponsors no violence, confiscates no property, but applies biblical principles for the maintenance of freedom.
10. Power Politics disrupt society; Pivot Politics maintains the status quo in society; it breaks no laws, advocates no violence, confiscates no property, and never destroys the principles of free enterprise.
11. Because the Divine Court of Appeals is in session, Pivot Politics must function within the environs of the devil's world. Therefore, Luciferian policies that promote sin, human good, and evil will always be in opposition to the principles of divine viewpoint and application of its doctrines.

¹ Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th ed. (2014), s.v. "politics."

