

7. Elijah's mind-set has devolved into a case of paranoia: "delusions of persecution, often strenuously defended with apparent logic and reason and irrational distrust of others."<sup>2</sup> Elijah expresses this paranoia twice during his conversation with the Lord, the second time in verse 14.
8. During Elijah's detour into paranoia, progress was being made back in Israel where Elijah should have been, but instead he had taken a powder down to the outskirts of Bēershēba to pass out under a broom tree.
9. At this point the Lord takes Elijah to the outside of the cave and present him with some visual aids:

**1 Kings 19:11** So the Lord said, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the Lord." And behold, the Lord [ **the Holy Spirit** ] was passing by! And a great and strong wind was rending the mountains and breaking in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake.

**v. 12** After the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing.

1. This verse introduces a divine assessment of the mechanics of how a client nation is dismantled by the Dark Side. This system is allowed to take form, develop over time, gain momentum, and at a particular moment in history becomes a juggernaut that systematically transforms the civic environment of the nation from freedom into slavery.
2. To properly present this system, we will engage an analysis of this verse and ultimately those that follow in order to reveal the systematic destruction of a client nation. We will accomplish this by a point by point analysis of the verse, taking each phrase following the Lord's opening quote.

### The analysis of 1 Kings 19:11–12

1. Verse 11 begins with a command, the Qal imperative of **יֹצֵאתָ** (*Yose'th*): "Go outside" the cave and "stand," the Qal perfect of **עָמַד** (*'amath*).
2. The imperative indicates that the Lord is about to educate Elijah who is to keep quiet and watch. Elijah has sequestered himself in the darkness of a cave while all hell is breaking loose up in the Northern Kingdom.
3. Elijah is about to be visually educated about how a client nation declines when its citizens have swapped the truth for the lie.

<sup>2</sup> *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*, 5th ed. (2016), s.v. "paranoia."



4. The verse now continues by describing the sequence of events that will pass by the cave's opening for Elijah to observe. The events seem esoteric until we realize that they present a divine analysis of what has gone on and is continuing to go on in the Northern Kingdom.
5. What follows is a series of biblical visual aids that describe critical points in the decline and potential fall of client nation Israel. What was typical for them in the ninth century B.C., serve as illustrations of how all client nations decline and then fall.
6. Previously, the people of the Levant subscribed to the immutable absolutes of Scripture that prolonged the freedom and prosperity of a client nation until over time the loss of doctrinal thought were exchanged for human viewpoint, human good, and evil.
7. When the latter mentality becomes dominant, then the Zeitgeist is correspondingly altered. Where previously the mentality of the Pivot maintained order in society, over time, it is gradually dismissed so that the people's mentality is dominated by politics:

Politics. 1: Winning and holding control over a government. 3a: competition between competing interest groups or individuals for power and leadership (as in a government).<sup>3</sup>

Politics. In a bad sense, dishonest management to secure the success of political candidates or parties.<sup>4</sup>

8. In the Northern Kingdom, its politics were the unhealthy union of an anarchy governed by religious terrorism. Presently, in the United States, its politics are a tug of war between the immutable standards of Constitutional absolutes in a death struggle with anarchy imposed by terrorists.
9. Each side has a system of power on its side. The Jews have diminished and ignored its power system while the United States Constitution is under direct attack from politicians who threaten to transform it into their own, self-edited set of by-laws.
10. 1 Kings 19:11 describes this conflict with a Category 5 hurricane whose wind scale of 157-plus miles per hour is described as:

**1 Kings 10:11c** ... a great and strong wind was rending the mountains and breaking in pieces the rocks before the Lord.

11. The Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale describes such a system as:

<sup>3</sup> Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th ed. (2014), s.v. "politics."

<sup>4</sup> Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, 2d ed. (1953), s.v. "politics."



Catastrophic damage will occur: A high percentage of framed homes will be destroyed, with total roof failure and wall collapse. Fallen trees and power poles will isolate residential areas. Power outages will last for weeks to possibly months. Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks or months.<sup>5</sup>

12. This is the ultimate in natural power with maximum destruction that functions within a cyclonic vortex. This is what occurs in the souls of those who obtain power without order in their souls. They operate within the scope of their own volition and often impose violence on those with whom they disagree.
13. Category 5 hurricanes destroy virtually all that is near to the systems eye. The soul of a believer, driven by cosmic rationales, destroys anyone or any system that does not agree with its agenda.
14. This is illustrated in verse 11 by its description of the power and destruction associated with the wind, first of all by the phrase, “rending the mountains.” The intensive Pi‘el participle of the verb “was rending”: פָּרַק (*paraq*): “to break off by violent action.”
15. This is followed by the second intensive Pi‘el participle of שָׁבַר (*savar*) and is correctly translated, “breaking in pieces.” What the vortex was breaking were “rocks.”
16. And the passage goes on to reveal that all this was going on “before the Lord.” To what exactly does this sentence refer?
  - (1) The subjects of this verse are the mountains and the rocks associated with them. Mountains refer to the stability of truth that sustains a society that submits to the laws of divine establishment and the Bible doctrines those laws protect.
  - (2) The authorities within this system are tasked with the responsibility to maintain the divine systems of authority that enable believers to grow in grace and fulfill God’s plan for their lives.
  - (3) But in this verse, we discover that this system is destroyed by the intervention of a maximum, hurricane-force wind that violently destroys the system the Word of God provides within the souls of its citizens.

**(End RECK-20.13. See RECK-20.14 for continuation of study at p. 131.)**

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<sup>5</sup> Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale: 5 (Major): <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutsshws.php>.



- (4) This weather event is presented to Elijah as a way of displaying visually and audibly the chaos that is swirling in his stream of consciousness and currently within the nation of Israel. He is out of fellowship, stuck in the cosmic systems, and brooding about his own circumstances which he personally allowed to intrude into his soul.
- (5) The Lord's weather angels guided a class five hurricane into the Sinai Peninsula to stimulate a return to reality. He is supposed to be in Israel dealing with Ahab, Jezebel, and priests of Asherah. Jezebel, who is the ultimate witchy woman, scared Elijah so badly that he wound up all the way down to the Red Sea.
- (6) Hunkered down inside the cave, Elijah hid in his hole in the ground—a cave in the side of Mount Sinai. To coax him outside, the Lord starts with a question, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"
- (7) The Lord's question in verse 9 did not request information about what Elijah had been doing in the cave: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" but His emphasis was rather: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" Implication: "Why are you not where you are supposed to be back up in Israel?"
- (8) God still has things for Elijah to do, but he must get some visual aids about what has been going on in the Northern Kingdom.
- (9) Let's note again the passage in 1 Kings 19:11–12 and the visual and audible aids the hurricane provided for Elijah:

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1. Elijah is out of fellowship and his spiritual life is on hold illustrated by the darkness of the cave where he had chosen to retreat from reality.

2. This passage illustrates what happens when authority is allowed to reside in those who utilize Power politics rather than Pivot politics. Elijah will learn about these systems in the ninth century B.C., we will do the same in the twenty-first century A.D.
3. A client nation flourishes when its citizens function under a system of Pivot Politics. When, over time, the loss of thought metastasizes into bedlam, then the system has declined into Power Politics.
4. In general, what human governments have rarely been able to adopt, and if having done so, to maintain, is Pivot Politics, confirmed by history's record of the gospel's missionary journey. The term "pivot" has several definitions but its meaning with regard to a client nation is defined as:

That upon which something depends; the central, cardinal, or crucial factor, member, part, or person.<sup>1</sup>

5. The biblical application refers to the pivot as the accumulation of mature believers living in a client nation under civil government in a specific geographical location. The biblical pivot includes the categories of mature believers and also those who are positive to doctrine and are consistently advancing toward spiritual maturity.

These believers are in contrast to believers in the cosmic systems of arrogance and hatred and status quo reversionism. Among these are those who spin off into a soul status that overly cannot be distinguished from unbelievers. These types make up those who become involved in crusader arrogance, civil disobedience, property damage, and even:

coups d'état: a sudden decisive exercise of force in politics; especially: the attempted overthrow or alteration of an existing government by a small group."<sup>2</sup>

6. The historical competition between Pivot Politics and Power Politics is addressed in Scripture, the former by "salt" as a preservative, and the latter by leaven by its propensity to "corrupt."
7. Elijah functioned under Pivot Politics when he carried out his efforts preparing the altar. However, his victory caused him to shift over to Power Politics when he arrogantly made the decision to execute the priests of Baal.
8. There are elements in our nation's population that have been converting its Zeitgeist over to Power Politics and the hurricane depicts what havoc that system presents.

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<sup>1</sup> Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, 2d ed. (1953), s.v. "pivot."

<sup>2</sup> Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th ed. (2014), "coups d'état."



9. The first is “the great and strong wind.” The adjectives “great” and “strong” best describe this wind as a hurricane, the ultimate atmospheric phenomenon that presents maximum natural power and destructiveness.
10. A hurricane is not a self-organized, self-developed system. It responds to forces that occur naturally in certain latitudes of the earth. These factors include minimal barometric pressure 28.94 millibars, wind speeds in excess of 73 miles per hour, and rainfall. The surface temperature of the water must be at least 79 degrees. The cyclone spins counterclockwise in the northern hemisphere. Its path is dictated by tropical trade winds.
11. The reason for the description of a hurricane’s behavior has to do with external forces that impact its development and movement which leaves behind maximum destruction.
12. The hurricane in our verse refers to the power that can be unleashed by Power Politics. Its development and impact are dependent upon external forces which include demonism, specifically the influence of the priests of Asherah.
13. The “great strong wind” is depicted as a hurricane which dispenses destruction throughout the body politic by means of totalitarianism—violence, intimidation, and fear, the kinds of ingredients that are common to the devastating impact associated with a hurricane.
14. On the other hand, the mountain represents the foundational establishment principles and immutable doctrines of Scripture. However, that stability is vulnerable, in this illustration, to the impact inflicted by Power Politics.
15. Then comes the hurricane which illustrates the Power Politics that blows against the mountain’s absolutes and does so in two areas. The Law of Liberty sustains the foundational principles the laws of divine establishment while the Law of Freedom allows individuals to live their lives in accordance with their own personal desires within that system.
16. These two sets of Laws are interestingly incorporated into our nation’s State Papers. The Law of Liberty is established by the Constitution’s seven Articles, while the Law of Freedom is enucleated in the Bill of Rights’ first 10 Amendments.
17. It is the arrogance of Power Politics that destroys freedom. The citizens of the Northern Kingdom have made their own personal decisions to place their faith in the priests of Baal who were exposed as frauds until Elijah turned them into martyrs.
18. The phrase, “breaking in pieces the rocks before the Lord” refers to the chaos that results when divine viewpoint is rejected and human viewpoint takes control of a client nation.

