

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.



19. This process is observed by the Lord who had provided a system of divine government in which peace and prosperity is designed to function but due to the gradual loss of thought had become corrupt.
20. In place of what was originally made available to the people of the Northern Kingdom, they had bought the lie and in doing so their original divine underpinnings were destroyed by means of Power politics.
21. The category 5 hurricane demonstrated the end result of that process which in verse 11 was said to have accomplished before the Lord. However, the verse goes on to reveal that, “the Lord was not in the wind.”
22. Jesus Christ did not approve, initiate, or support the wind that ravaged client nation Israel. Divine discipline upon a client nation is self-induced by the loss of thought.
23. Verse 11 continues with a second illustration, this time from a terrestrial phenomenon: “And after the hurricane an earthquake”:

An earthquake is a sudden disturbance within the Earth manifested at the surface by a shaking of the ground. This shaking, which accounts for the destructiveness of an earthquake, is caused by the passage of elastic waves through the Earth’s rocks. These seismic waves are produced when some form of energy, or gravitational energy, is released suddenly.

While earthquakes have inspired dread and superstitious awe since ancient times, little was understood about them until the emergence of seismology at the beginning of the twentieth century.³

NOTABLE EARTHQUAKES IN THE UNITED STATES:

YEAR	PLACE	MAGNITUDE ⁴	INTENSITY	DEATHS
1811–12	New Madrid, MO	8.8 (7.5 [3])	XII(?)	(1,000+)
1886	Charleston, SC	(100+)	IX	60
1906	San Francisco, CA	8.3	XI	700
1964	Prince Wm Sound, AK	8.5 (9.2)	(XI)	131
1989	Santa Cruz Co., CA	7.1	IX	62
1994	Northridge, CA	6.8	IX	60 ⁵

³ “Earthquake,” in *The New Encyclopaedia Britannica: Macropaedia*, 15th ed. (2010), 17:655.

⁴ “Based on seismograph recordings of seismic-wave amplitudes. The numerical scale is so arranged that each increase in magnitude of one unit represents a 10-fold increase in earthquake size.”

⁵ “Earthquake,” in *The New Encyclopaedia Britannica: Micropaedia*, 15th ed. (2010), 4:323.



24. The earthquake represents violence inflicted upon the population that can include unmitigated cruelty upon those who, for whatever reason, are considered expendable by the ruling authority.
25. The earthquake's rumble is felt by everyone simultaneously. It can occur in the clear light of day and do so suddenly. Its shaking causes structures to become unstable and many collapses.
26. In the previous mention of the hurricane, its impact on rocks and boulders were easily dislodged to cause further tragedies following the storm's devastation.
27. The earthquake depicts abuse of power by both King Ahab and his wife, abuse by the former terrorism by the priests of Baal and presently by the priests of Asherah.
28. We then learn following the Category 5 hurricane and the magnitude 9.2 earthquake that "the Lord was not in the earthquake." But even after that, the situation does not abate as we see in:

1 Kings 19:12 And after the earthquake a fire,
but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of
a gentle blowing.

1. The hurricane and the earthquake are depictions of terrorism in the Northern Kingdom of which the Lord does not approve. He was not in the wind and he was not in the earthquake.
2. And now mobs are running amuck throughout the cities, destroying and burning private property. The mob wants power and their power lust is expressed by breaking and entering followed by burglary, robbery, assault, murder, arson, and civil disobedience on city streets and private property.
3. All of this takes place while civic authorities not only do not investigate these crimes but are complicit in allowing them to occur. And what the rioters do not confiscate, they burn.
4. Yet, again, we read, "but the Lord was not in the fire."
5. Question: during the last ten months of destruction in the blue cities of our client nation can it be also said that, "the Lord was not in the wind," that "He was not in the earthquake," and that "He was not in the fire?" Most assuredly!
6. After all that chaos had subsided there was a calming silence described as "a sound of a gentle blowing (NASB)." The King James Version's final four words of this verse are, "a still small voice." The New International Version contributes, "a gentle whisper." The New English Translation offers, "a soft whisper."



7. Lucifer's strategies during the appeal is to foment chaos by imposing Power Politics in opposition to Pivot Politics.
8. The Lord has just demonstrated the environment that Luciferian strategies are able to unleash on a client nation. Then there is a semicolon followed by the Lord's renewed challenge to Elijah.
9. Obviously, these translators are doing their best with the final few words of the text in verse 12. But a literal translation here leaves us unsure of its meaning.
10. I think an excellent effort in doing so follows which I believe serves the passage nicely in light of the current dilemma presently faced by client nation America:

In the ancient Near East the gods were believed to be active in the events of history. Kings claimed that they were put on the throne by their patron deity and that that deity supported them, gave them guidance and brought them victory and success. It is interesting to note, however, that this involvement of the gods always seems to have the tone of political propaganda **[power politics]**. The gods of the ancient Near East do not have a plan that they reveal. While they are believed to be active throughout the scope of history, there is no indication that they had a plan for the direction of history. Here it is made plain to Elijah that Yahweh is not simply a hotblooded warrior defending or dethroning kings on an arbitrary whim like the gods of the ancient Near East. He has an agenda for history. His warfare is not just wrathful blood-letting—there is a long-term plan that is being carefully worked out. Once all the fire and storm and earthquake are past, the plan can be articulated. The “gentle whisper” in verse 12 is not describing how the Lord speaks. It is descriptive of the resonating silence after all the clamor of destruction. It is with silence hanging in the air that Yahweh's voice of direction may be heard.⁶

11. With this analysis, an expanded translation that incorporates the intent of the passage instead of a literal translation of the closing clause is preferred:

⁶ John H. Walton, Victor H. Matthews, and Mark W. Chavalas, “1 Kings,” in *The IVP Bible Background Commentary: Old Testament* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2000), 378.



1 King 19:12 And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and following the fire there was a resonating silence by which Yahweh's voice of direction may be heard. (EXT)

1. There are three doctrinal applications that are critical in delivering a client nation when in a time of crisis:
 - (1) The principle that Jesus Christ controls history on behalf of the pivot.
 - (2) The spiritual leadership of mature believers within the commonwealth of the client nation.
 - (3) The existence of a pivot large enough to preserve the nation.
2. Elijah heard the Lord's voice because of the silence.

1 Kings 19:13 When Elijah hears it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. And behold, a voice came to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

1. After the threefold display of cosmic chaos followed by the silence which allowed the Lord's voice to be heard, Elijah was still living in verse 9 where the Lord first posed the question, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"
2. Believers are in danger of reentering their own cave of despair. Elijah retreated from Jézreel all the way to the end of the Sinai Peninsula.
3. The Lord had given him an overview of the terrorism his arrogance and absence had caused in Israel. He sequestered himself in a cave, was given by the Lord a summary of what had transpired in his absence, and Who then offered him the challenge to return to the field of battle.
4. Still out of fellowship, Elijah, covering his face with his mantle, spoke up and offered his lame excuse for leaving the battlefield when Jézebel threatened to kill him in 1 Kings 19:2. Elijah had not been in fellowship since then as you may recall in:

1 Kings 19:3 And he was afraid and arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah and left his servant there.

5. Elijah confirms that he remains out of fellowship when the Lord again asks him why he is still at Mount Sinai. What he replied verified his divorcement from reality:



1 Kings 19:14 Then he said, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars and killed Your prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.”

1. Of all people, Elijah should have quickly realized that he was out of fellowship. His soul’s spiritual status is revealed when he proclaims his devotion to the Lord with the proclamation, “I have been very zealous for the Lord.”
2. He then projects his arrogance by asserting that “the sons of Israel have forsaken your covenant.” He doesn’t stop but continues his rejoinder by pointing out they have torn down His altars and killed His prophets.
3. Rather than admitting to the fact that he has failed to do his duty in the midst of the battle, Elijah rages on with his accusations and then arrogantly sums it all up with the proclamation, “I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.”
4. Not one syllable in verse 14 is an expression of grace orientation, admission of wrongdoing, expressing his admission of living in the cosmic systems, calling out all the people of Israel when it was his job to stay on duty and deal with the sordid bunch.
5. Instead, he hurls blame on the people of Israel. This goes without saying. That is why the Lord had him deployed over the last three and one-half years to carryout the divine plan to get the client nation’s attention.
6. While he was in fellowship, Elijah won the victory for the Lord on Mount C armel at the altar of burnt offering, but then plunged into self-righteous arrogance when he executed the 450 priests of Baal, a decision that has since kept him in the cosmic system.
7. The future of the Northern Kingdom does not depend exclusively on Elijah being in fellowship. The sustenance of any client nation is dependent upon the presence of a pivot of mature believers who have grown in grace and relied upon divine guidance to light their way each day.
8. Elijah arrogantly asserts that he is the only person left of the nation’s pivot. This is what is referred to in psychiatry as delusions of grandeur. For example, Elijah has the mistaken belief that he is the only mature believer left in Israel.
9. But the survival of the client nation does not depend exclusively on the communicator of doctrine but those who grow in grace to spiritual maturity that preserve a nation.



10. A pastor may consistently communicate accurately the Word of God to his congregation, but if the hearers do not grow in grace and deploy the truth contained in the message, then the Pivot shrinks accordingly.
11. In a client nation, systematic involvement in human viewpoint, human good, and evil causes a major inversion of thought. Establishment standards, divine viewpoint, and application of the truths contained in Scripture are gradually exchanged for the lie.
12. When doctrine is no longer the resource for making one's decisions then the mind has to go somewhere else for guidance. The soul is the storehouse for all knowledge and one of its attributes is volition.
13. If there is no doctrinal inventory to consult, then human viewpoint, emotion, lust patterns, and doctrines of demons become easy resources to consult.
14. This situation is currently taking place in client nation America. Doctrine is the resource for grace and objectivity but they are only available to believers who are positive.
15. Those without doctrine will gravitate toward whatever idea best serves their sin natures' desires and one of the most popular is power lust. Think as they do and do as they say and you will be openly accepted and aggrandized.
16. Those who do not will be shouted down, criticized, and on some occasions physically assaulted. We have observed how Elijah carried this situation to the limit against the priests of Baal.
17. The Lord recognizes that Israel is in the market for a total housecleaning:
1 Kings 19:15 The Lord said to him, "Go, return on you way to the wilderness of Damascus, and when you have arrived, you shall anoint Hazael (ha-zā-el) king over Aram (Ā-ram: Syria);
v. 16 and Jehu (JÉ-hū), the son of Nimshi (Nim-shī) you shall anoint king over Israel; and Elisha (Ē-lī-sha) the son of Shaphat (shā-phat) of Abel-meholah (Ā-bel-mē-hō-lah) you shall anoint as prophet in your place.
v. 17 "It shall come about, the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall put to death.
18. There is a tremendous amount of power shifting going on among these four men as the Lord restores order in client nation Israel. This is accomplished by the reorganization of the nations by men of honor and courage.



19. The Lord was able to rearrange of the political order of the northern Levant because there were those types of personalities available to perform the duties.
20. Secondly, the motivation to do so was because there were those in Israel who had maintained their personal relationship with the God of Israel.
21. Honorable leadership from the top and positive volition by mature believers enabled Israel to reorganize and move forward as a client nation.

1 Kings 19:18 Yet I will be caused to leave [Hiph'el causative active perfect of שָׁאַר (sa'ar): "remain," i.e., a remnant of or a Pivot of] 7,000 in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not kissed his idol.

שָׁאַר (sa'ar): to remain, play a key role in the development of the remnant theme that unfolds and evolves over the course of Old Testament history. From the early beginnings of salvation history in Genesis and all the way through to the end of the Old Testament and beyond, God has sovereignly acted to preserve for Himself a remnant of people who will worship Him alone (Genesis 7:23; 1 Kings 19:18; Ezra 9:8; Isaiah 11:11, 16; 37:31; Ezekiel 9:8; Zephaniah 3:12–13; see Romans 11:5).⁷

22. By reorganizing the leadership of the Northern Kingdom, this new leadership provides the environment in which this body of 7,000 mature believers can restore order in the land by reintroducing the study of the Word of God into the Zeitgeist of the client nation.
23. Please note that to accomplish this the Lord had a large enough Pivot for restoration to occur: (1) honorable political leadership was introduced and (2) a significant number of believers who were positive to doctrine while being negative to the previous heresy of bowing one's knees to Baal.
24. It is the Pivot that sustains a client nation. It consists of mature believers who have advanced to the sophisticated spiritual life, the advanced stages of a believer's doctrinal advance.
25. These individuals have advanced in their spiritual growth motivated by their personal love for God. This enables them to put all other situations in life into perspective.

(End RECK-20.14. See RECK-20.15 for continuation of our study at p. 141.)

⁷ Warren Baker and Eugene Carpenter, *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: Old Testament* (Chattanooga: AMG Publishers, 2003), 1087–88.

