



# AT MY WORD

7-PART SERMON SERIES



**PART 4**

# THE PROPHETIC ALIGNMENT

1 KINGS 18:1-40 NASB















## *Prophetic*

is hearing the voice of God and knowing the heart of God, walking in obedience and releasing God's will to our world and generation

## *Alignment*

is an alliance or union with a party or cause; identification with or matching the behavior, thoughts, etc of another person





*The Prophetic Alignment means to be aligned to God  
when we know God's heart and obey His word*







1 KINGS 18:1-40





# THE TIME HAS COME



*v1-2*





## THE TIME HAS COME

- 3 years of drought has passed
- The famine was severe in the land
- The people were still unrepentant
- God told Elijah to present himself to Ahab





THE TIME HAS COME



*God wants to bring a prophetic alignment!*







# THE CONFRONTATION

*v16-21*



THE CONFRONTATION

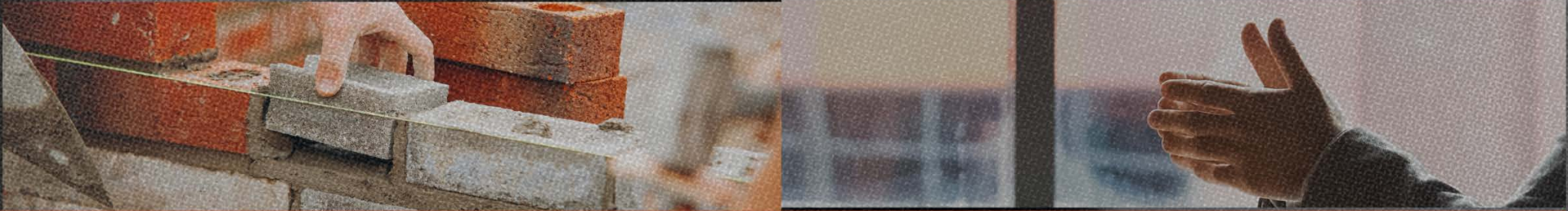


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## THE CONFRONTATION



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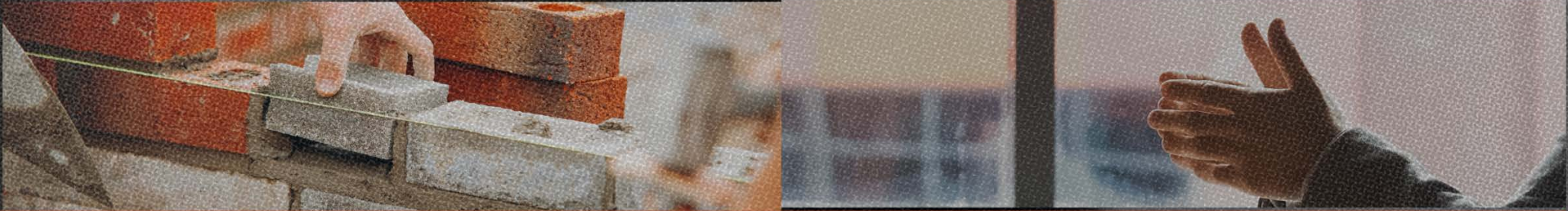
### **God directed Elijah to confront Ahab**

- His sin of Baal worship
- A violation of God's commandments





## THE CONFRONTATION



*God brings a prophetic alignment by directing a confrontation*

### **God directed Elijah to confront Israel**

- Idolatry (v18-19)
- Double-mindedness (v20-21)
- Tolerance of sin







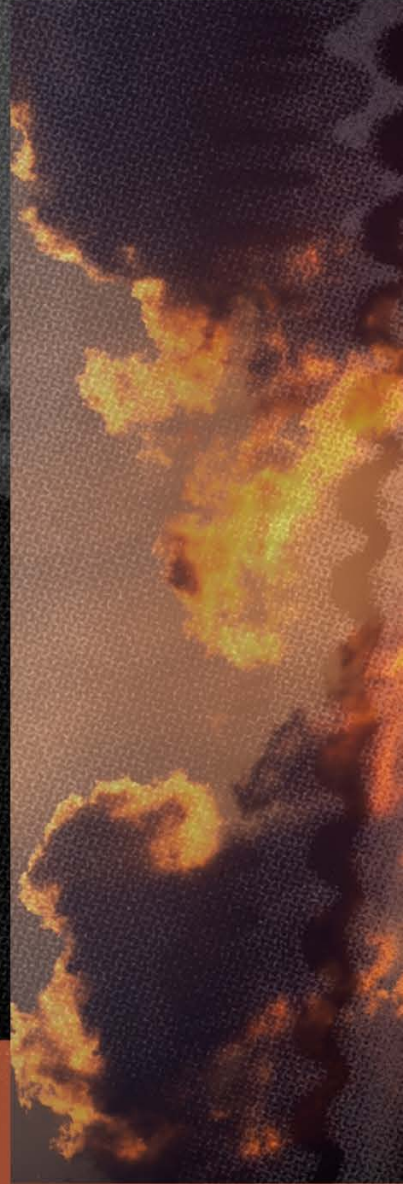
# THE SHOWDOWN

*v22-32*



## THE SHOWDOWN

- *if the LORD is God, follow Him (v21)*
- *...he repaired the altar of the Lord, which had been torn down. Elijah took twelve stones... with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord (v30-32)*
- *...today let it be known that You are God in Israel and that I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word (v36)*
- *...so that this people may know that You, LORD, are God, and that You have turned their heart back (v37)*





THE SHOWDOWN



*God brings a prophetic alignment  
by demanding allegiance*





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## MEMORY VERSE

*... today let it be known that You are God in Israel and that I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word.*

1 KINGS 18:36b (NASB)



## THE SHOWDOWN



*God brings a prophetic alignment by demanding allegiance*

- Rebuild our altars
- Return to worship
- Renew commitment to love God passionately







# THE FIRE

*v36-40*



## THE FIRE


Site of the sacrifice was on Mt Carmel,  
a location thought to be favorable to Baal worship

Advantage given to prophets of Baal in choosing  
the bull and performing the sacrifice first

Elijah increased the difficulty in having a trench around  
the altar and drenching the altar and the sacrifice



## THE FIRE

A dramatic scene of fire consuming a structure, likely an altar, with a large, dark, textured object in the foreground. The fire is bright orange and yellow, with a large, dark, textured object in the foreground. The background is dark and smoky.

*God demonstrated His power when fire came down and consumed the sacrifice and the altar (v38)*



THE FIRE



*God brings a prophetic alignment  
by demonstrating His authority*



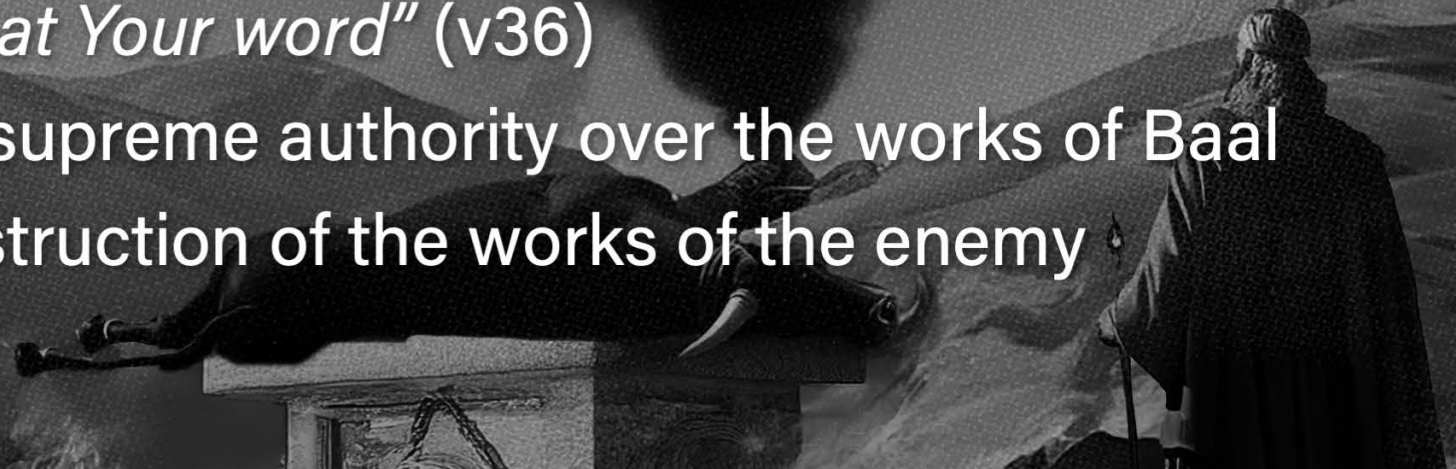


## THE FIRE



*God brings a prophetic alignment by demonstrating His authority*

- Alignment to:**
- God's sovereign rule – *"You are God in Israel"* (v36)
  - Authority of God's word – *"I have done all these things at Your word"* (v36)
  - God's supreme authority over the works of Baal
    - Destruction of the works of the enemy





# THE PROPHETIC ALIGNMENT

The background of the slide is a dark, atmospheric photograph of a mountain landscape. In the foreground, there is a tent and a person standing near it, possibly a prophet or a traveler. The scene is dimly lit, with some light reflecting off the tent and the person's clothing. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

- Brings us to confront the idolatry and sins in our lives
- Aligns us back to a covenantal God – a response to His covenantal faithfulness
- Releases us to be God's prophetic voice in the world



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## MEMORY VERSE

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