



AT MY WORD

7-PART SERMON SERIES

PART 4

THE PROPHETIC ALIGNMENT

1 KINGS 18:1-40



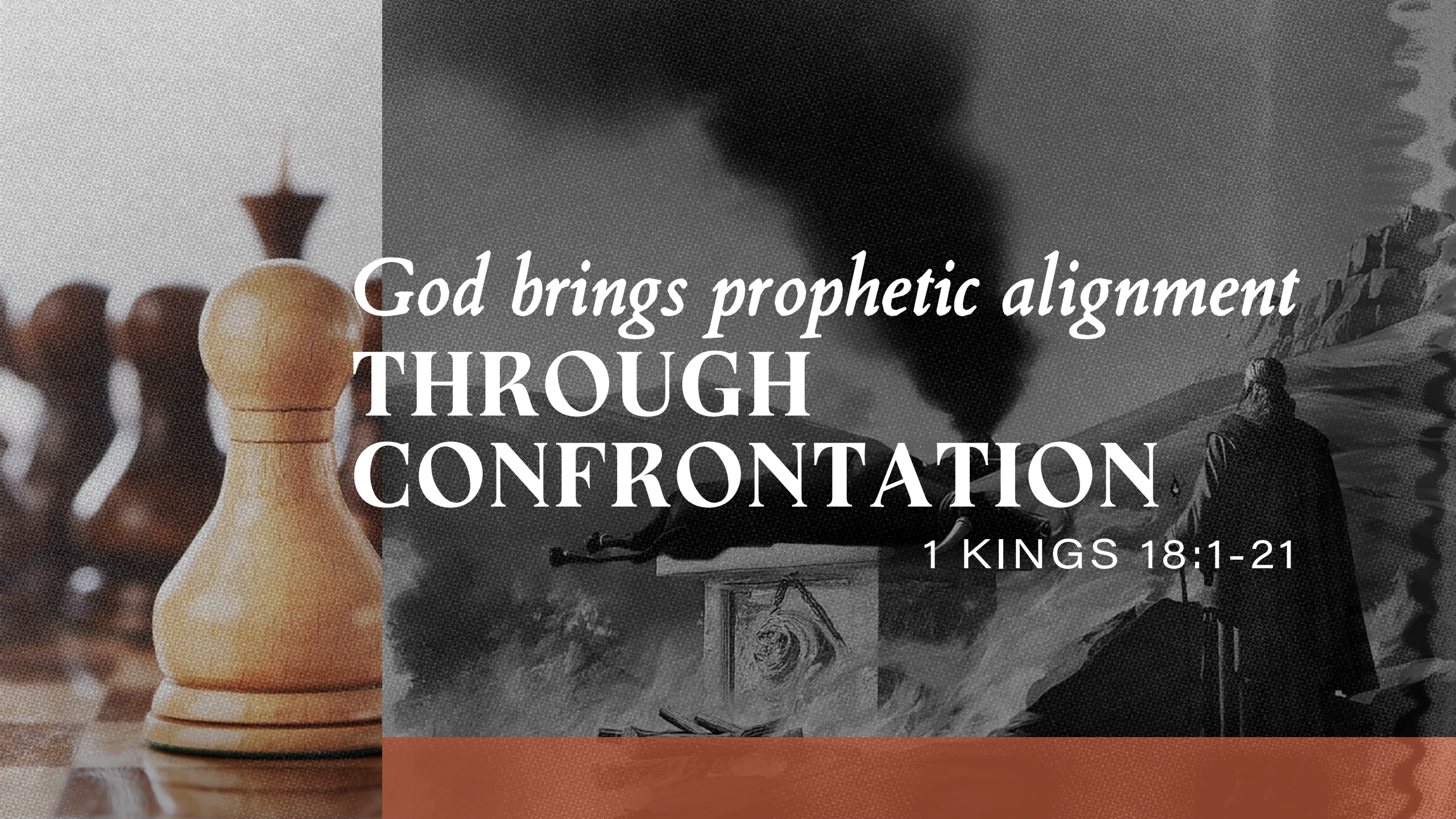


Prophetic

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



God brings prophetic alignment
**THROUGH
CONFRONTATION**

1 KINGS 18:1-21

GOD BRINGS PROPHETIC ALIGNMENT
THROUGH CONFRONTATION

Elijah confronted:

King Ahab's disobedience

- *"You have abandoned the Lord's commands and have followed the Baals." (v18)*
- Married Jezebel, who propagated Baal worship and persecuted the prophets of Yahweh (v4, 13)
- Cared more about keeping his animals alive during the drought and famine (v4-5)



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THROUGH CONFRONTATION

Elijah confronted:

Israel's Doublemindedness

*Elijah went before the people and said,
"How long will you **waver between two
opinions?** If the Lord is God, follow him;
but if Baal is God, follow him."*

1 KINGS 18:21



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Elijah confronted:

Israel's Doublemindedness

waver: פָּסַח (pasah)

to falter, hesitate, hop/dance (between
two opinions)



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Israel's Doublemindedness

*Elijah went before the people and said,
"How long will you waver between two
opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him;
but if Baal is God, follow him."*

But the people said nothing.

1 KINGS 18:21




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*The Showdown
on Mount Carmel*
(1 KINGS 18:22-40)

Source:
<https://jamesjackson.blog/2024/06/26/day-178-showdown-on-mount-carmel-1-kings-1825-39/>



The image is a composite. On the left, a silhouette of a man stands with his arms raised in a gesture of praise or prayer against a warm, orange and yellow background. On the right, a scene of a bonfire is shown, with a large fire burning brightly, casting a glow on the surrounding area. In the foreground of the bonfire scene, a man in a dark coat is visible, looking towards the fire. The overall mood is one of devotion and awe.

God brings prophetic alignment
**BECAUSE HE
DESIRES UNDIVIDED
ALLEGIANCE**

1 KINGS 18:36-37

GOD BRINGS PROPHETIC ALIGNMENT
BECAUSE HE DESIRES UNDIVIDED ALLEGIANCE

Elijah's prayer, God's heart:

*Answer me Lord, answer me, so these people
will know that you, Lord, are God, and that
you are turning their hearts back again."*

1 KINGS 18:37



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Elijah's prayer, God's heart:

*Elijah's prayer expressed God's desire for
Israel to return to covenantal faithfulness*



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*Answer me Lord, answer me,
so these people will know that you,
Lord (Yahweh), are God (Elohim),
and that you are turning their hearts back again."*

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*Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the
Lord (Yahweh) is God (Elohim) in heaven
above and on the earth below. There is no other.*

DEUTERONOMY 4:35, 39

*Hear, O Israel: The **Lord (Yahweh) our God (Elohim),**
the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your
heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5

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*"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out
of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.*

"You shall have no other gods before me.


*"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of
anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the
waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship
them; **for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God***

DEUTERONOMY 5:6-10

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*At the heart of God's
confrontation is His mercy and
love for His covenant people*



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**BY CONFIRMING
HIS AUTHORITY**

1 KINGS 18:19-40

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MOUNT CARMEL

Center of Baal & Asherah worship

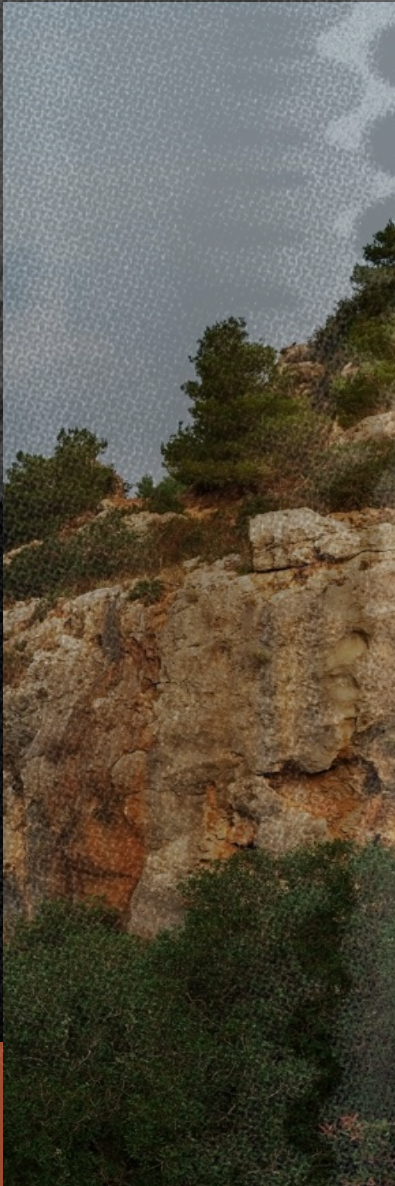
Place of Israel's unfaithfulness and idolatry

Confrontation to prove that Yahweh alone is the living God

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BY CONFIRMING HIS AUTHORITY

*Elijah gave multiple advantages
to the prophets of Baal:*

- Home ground advantage – Mount Carmel (v19)
- 450 versus 1 (v22)
- Choose bulls first (v23)
- Increased difficulty for fire to start (v30-35)



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A STARK CONTRAST

v26-29

450 Prophets of Baal

Calling on Baal from
morning till noon, shouting,
frantic, cutting themselves

No answer, no response,
no one paid attention...

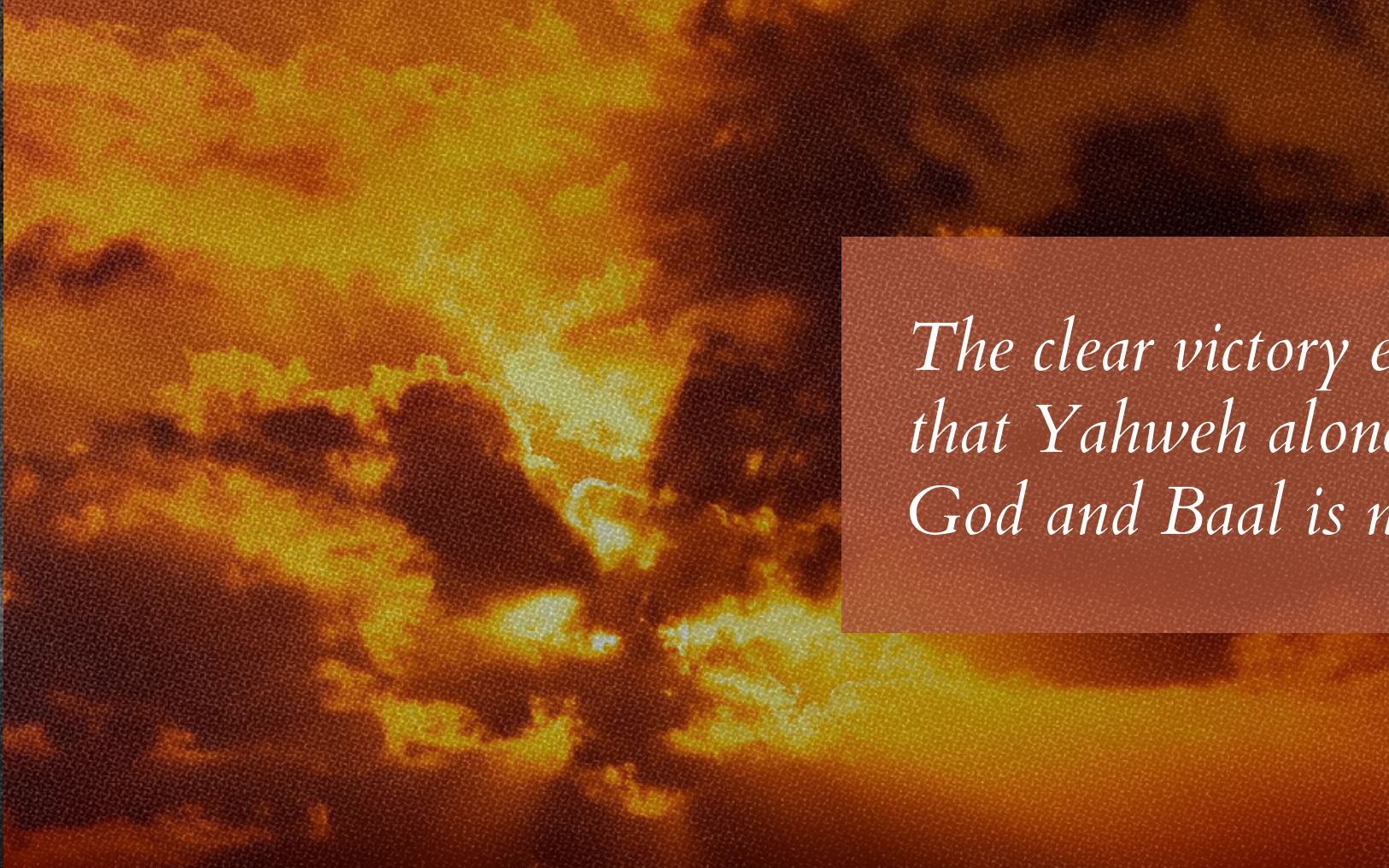
v36-40

1 Elijah

Elijah's authoritative
prayer and intercession

God's immediate and
powerful answer by fire

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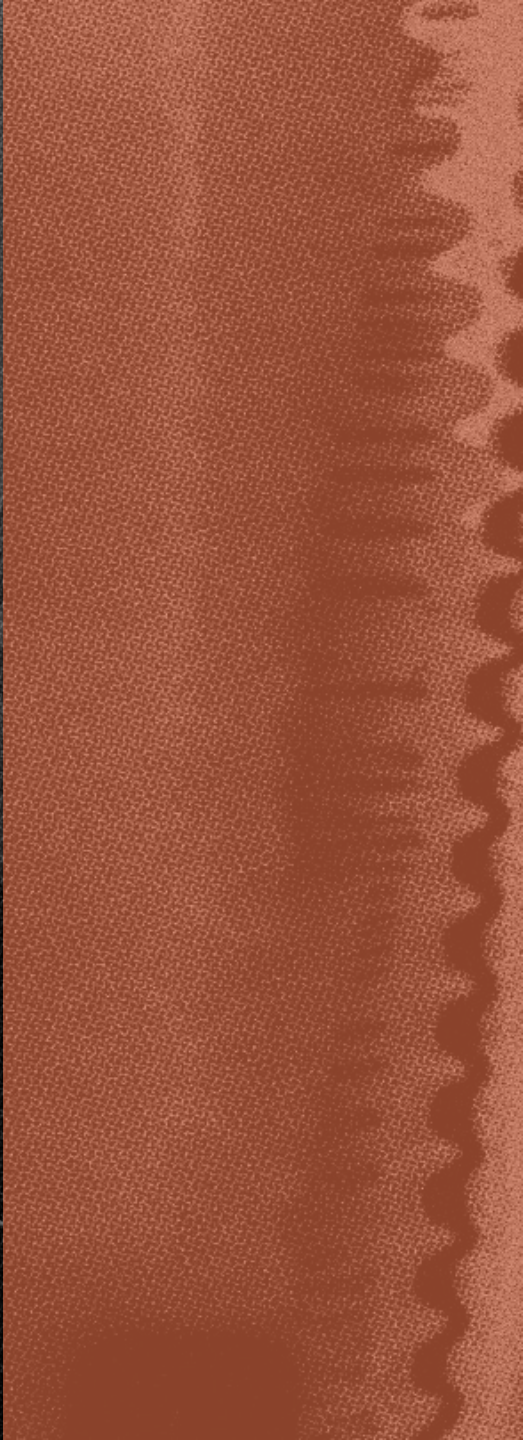


*The clear victory established
that Yahweh alone is the living
God and Baal is no God at all!*

GOD BRINGS PROPHETIC ALIGNMENT
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GOD DESIRES TO BRING
**PROPHETIC
ALIGNMENT**
IN AND THROUGH US:

- Allow God to confront us
- Align back to His Word



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Elijah's consistent alignment to the commands was a clarion call to return to proper worship:

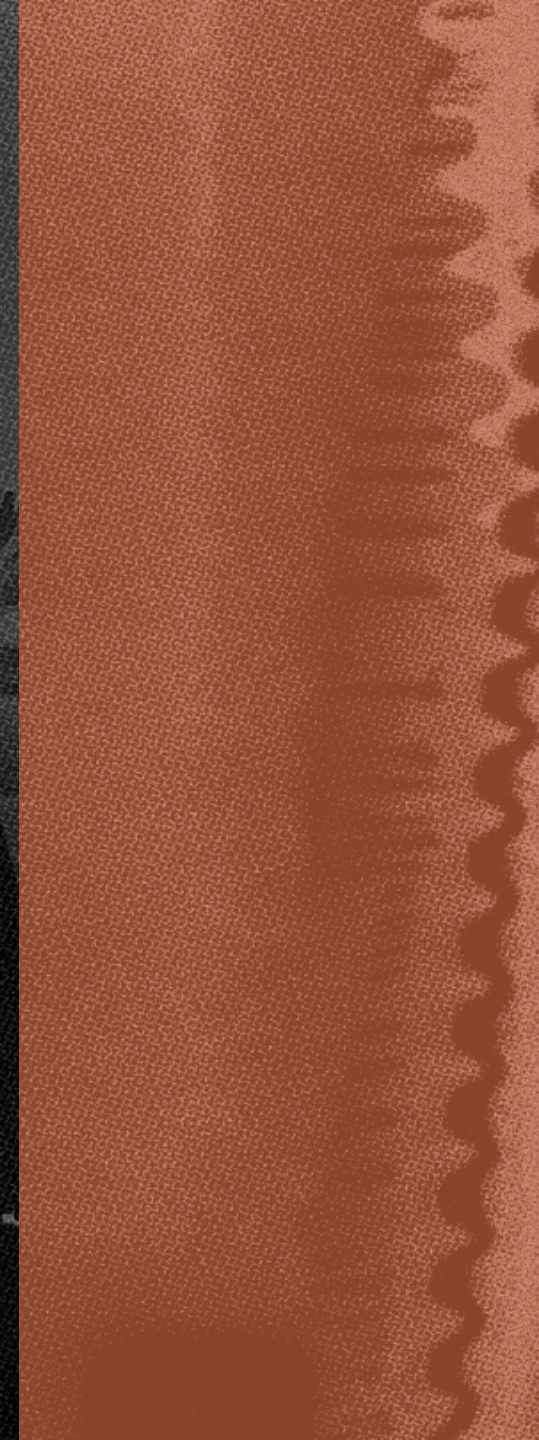
- Return to exclusive worship of Yahweh (v18, 21)
- Repair broken altar (v30)
- Remember they are God's covenant people (v31, 36)
- Restore proper worship (v36) – *ref Exodus 29:38-39*
- Remove false prophets (v40) – *ref Deuteronomy 18:15-22*



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- Arise as the Elijahs of our day



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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)