

SPIRITUAL WAREFARE

***The God who answers by fire
(1 Kings 18:1-40)***

Mark of Jezebel

1. SLAYING OF THE PROPHETS

2. SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE

3. SLANDER & LIES

4. SANCTIONING OF EVIL

5. SHAMELESSNESS

6 & 7. SEXUAL IMMORALITY & SEDUCTION

How to fight it

WE NEED MORE OBADIAHS

WE NEED THE TOUCH OF GOD

WE NEED BOLDNESS TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST EVIL

WE NEED UNSHAKEABLE FAITH

WE NEED TO BE MERCILESS WITH SIN

WE NEED TRUE REPENTANCE

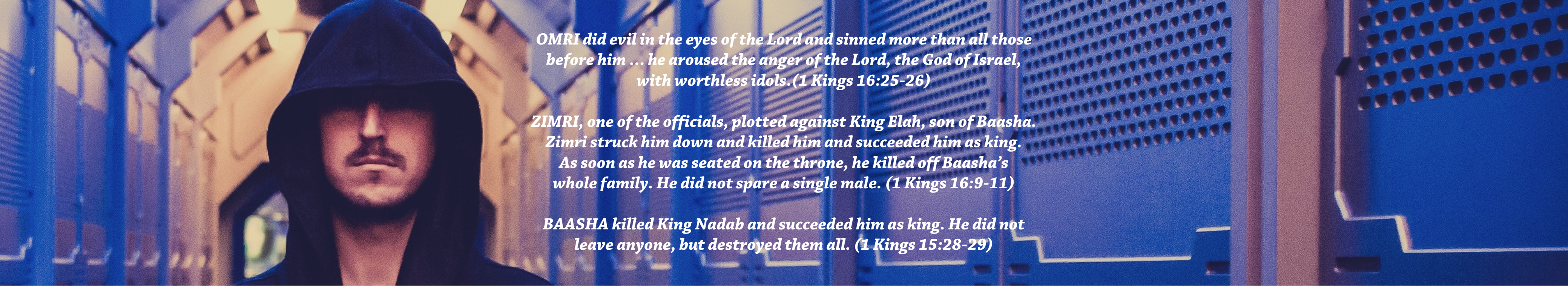
INSTANT REPLAY



A man with a mustache, wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt, is looking directly at the camera. The background is a blue-tinted image of a building facade with a grid-like pattern of windows or balconies.

*Ahab son of Omri did more evil in the eyes
of the Lord than any of those before him.*

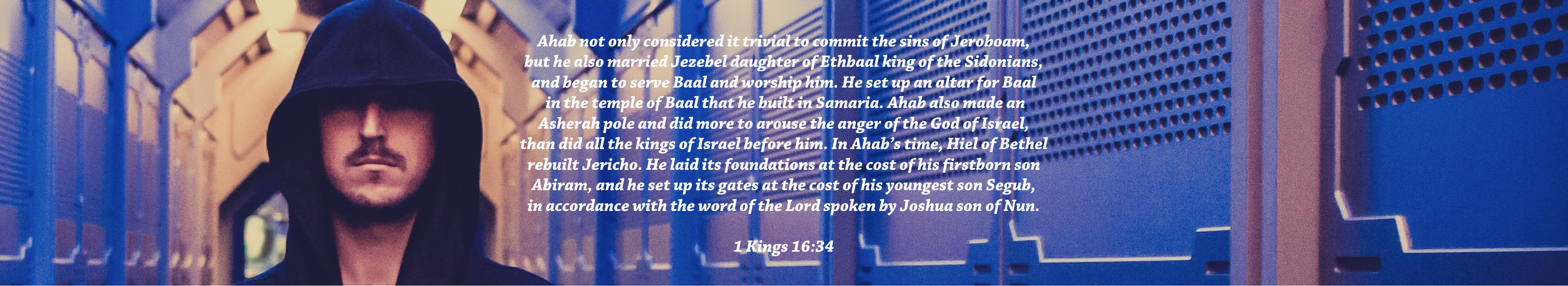
1 Kings 16:30



OMRI did evil in the eyes of the Lord and sinned more than all those before him ... he aroused the anger of the Lord, the God of Israel, with worthless idols. (1 Kings 16:25-26)

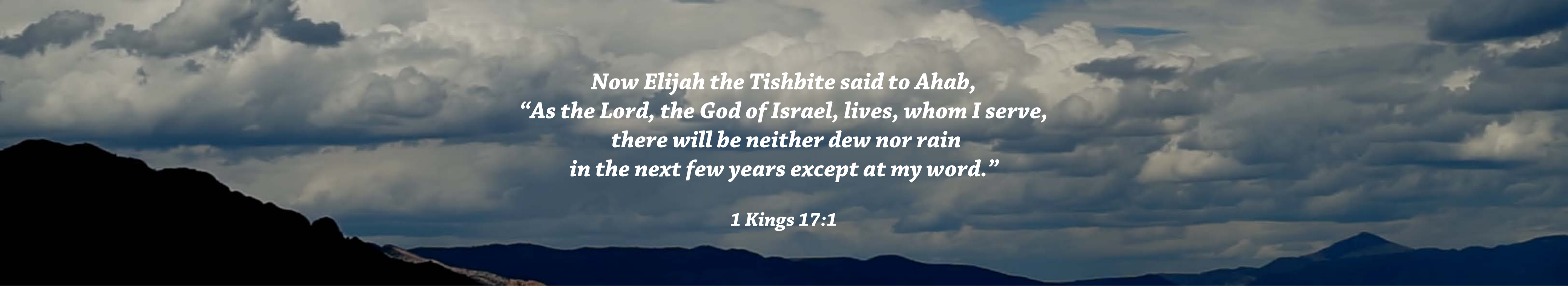
ZIMRI, one of the officials, plotted against King Elah, son of Baasha. Zimri struck him down and killed him and succeeded him as king. As soon as he was seated on the throne, he killed off Baasha's whole family. He did not spare a single male. (1 Kings 16:9-11)

BAASHA killed King Nadab and succeeded him as king. He did not leave anyone, but destroyed them all. (1 Kings 15:28-29)



Ahab not only considered it trivial to commit the sins of Jeroboam, but he also married Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and began to serve Baal and worship him. He set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal that he built in Samaria. Ahab also made an Asherah pole and did more to arouse the anger of the God of Israel, than did all the kings of Israel before him. In Ahab's time, Hiel of Bethel rebuilt Jericho. He laid its foundations at the cost of his firstborn son Abiram, and he set up its gates at the cost of his youngest son Segub, in accordance with the word of the Lord spoken by Joshua son of Nun.

1 Kings 16:34



*Now Elijah the Tishbite said to Ahab,
“As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve,
there will be neither dew nor rain
in the next few years except at my word.”*

1 Kings 17:1



*After a long time, in the third year, the word of the Lord
came to Elijah: “Go and present yourself to Ahab,
and I will send rain on the land.”*

*So Elijah went to present himself to Ahab.
Now the famine was severe in Samaria.*

1 Kings 18:1-2



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A person wearing a dark, possibly black, robe is shown from the chest down. They are holding a long, silver-colored pitchfork in their right hand, with the tines pointing upwards. The background is a bright, orange-yellow glow, suggesting fire or a very bright light source. The overall image has a grainy, artistic quality.

Ahab saw Elijah and said, “Is that you, you troubler of Israel?”

“I have not made trouble for Israel,” Elijah replied.

*“But you and your father’s family have. You have abandoned
the Lord’s commands and have followed the Baals.*

*Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on
Mount Carmel. And bring the 450 prophets of Baal
and the 400 prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel’s table.”*

1 Kings 18:17-19



1. TAKE UP ARMS

WHO IS THE ENEMY?

“Is that you, you troubler of Israel?” (1 Kings 18:17)

>> OUR ENEMY IS THE ACCUSER



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WHERE IS THE BATTLEFIELD?

*“You have abandoned the Lord’s commands
and followed the Baals.” (1 Kings 18:18)*

>> THE BATTLEFIELD IS YOUR HEART, SOUL, MIND

A person wearing a dark, possibly black, jacket is holding a rifle. The background is a hazy, orange-tinted scene, likely smoke or fire, with some green foliage visible on the right side. The overall tone is somber and urgent.

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WHAT ARE WE FIGHTING OVER?

*“Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me
on Mount Carmel.” (1 Kings 18:19)*

>> WE ARE FIGHTING FOR SOULS



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So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. 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.

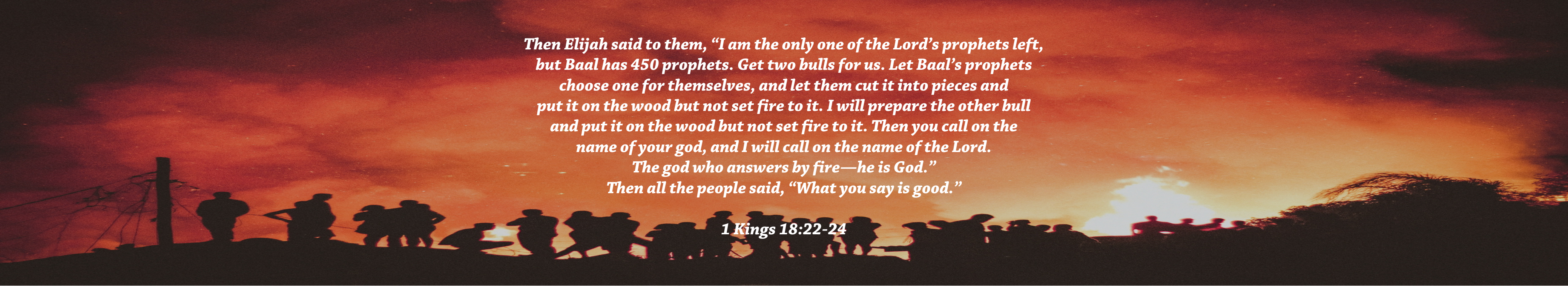
1 Kings 18:20-21

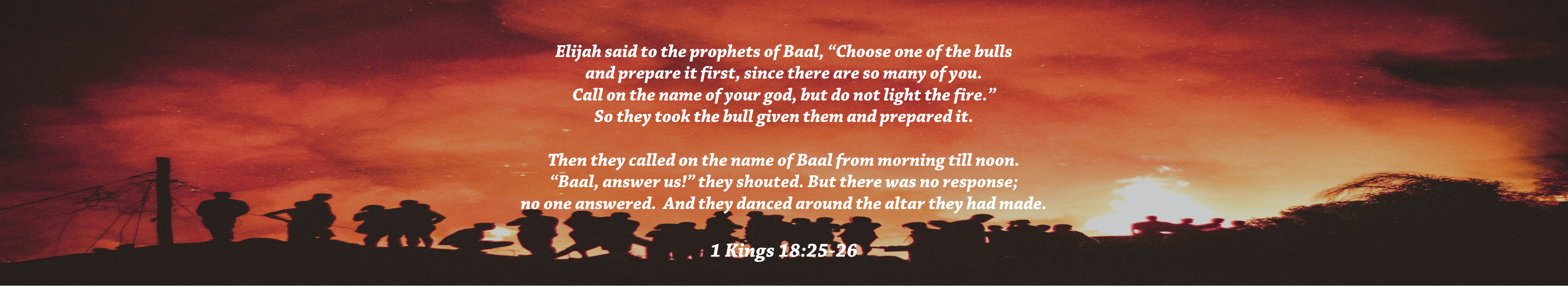
Then Elijah said to them, "I am the only one of the Lord's prophets left, but Baal has 450 prophets. Get two bulls for us. Let Baal's prophets choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord.

The god who answers by fire—he is God."

Then all the people said, "What you say is good."

1 Kings 18:22-24

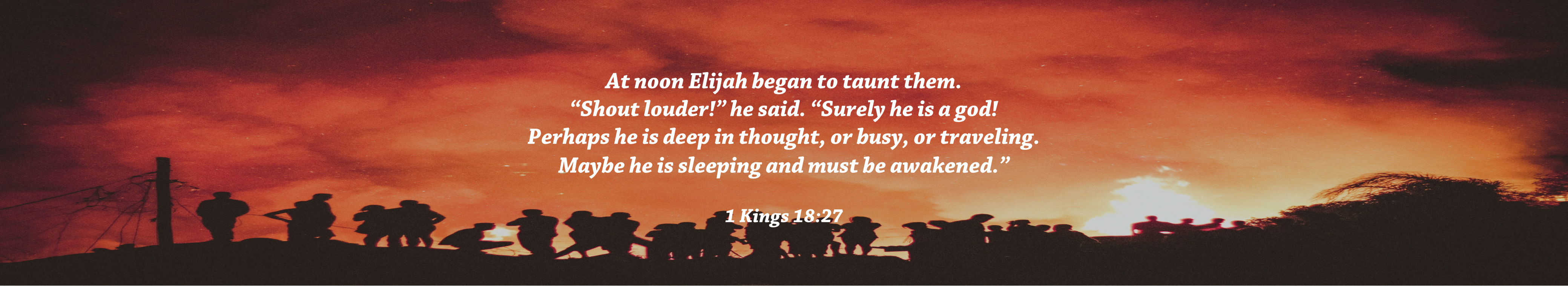


The background of the image is a vibrant sunset or sunrise sky, transitioning from deep reds and oranges at the top to a bright, glowing yellow and white near the horizon. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of a group of people are visible, standing on a hill or ridge. Some individuals appear to be holding long poles or staffs. To the right, the silhouette of a large bull is also visible, facing towards the group. The overall atmosphere is one of anticipation and drama.

*Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one of the bulls
and prepare it first, since there are so many of you.
Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire."
So they took the bull given them and prepared it.*

*Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon.
"Baal, answer us!" they shouted. But there was no response;
no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made.*

1 Kings 18:25-26



*At noon Elijah began to taunt them.
"Shout louder!" he said. "Surely he is a god!
Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling.
Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened."*

1 Kings 18:27

Perhaps he is daydreaming, or is relieving himself!

NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

Maybe he's using the toilet!

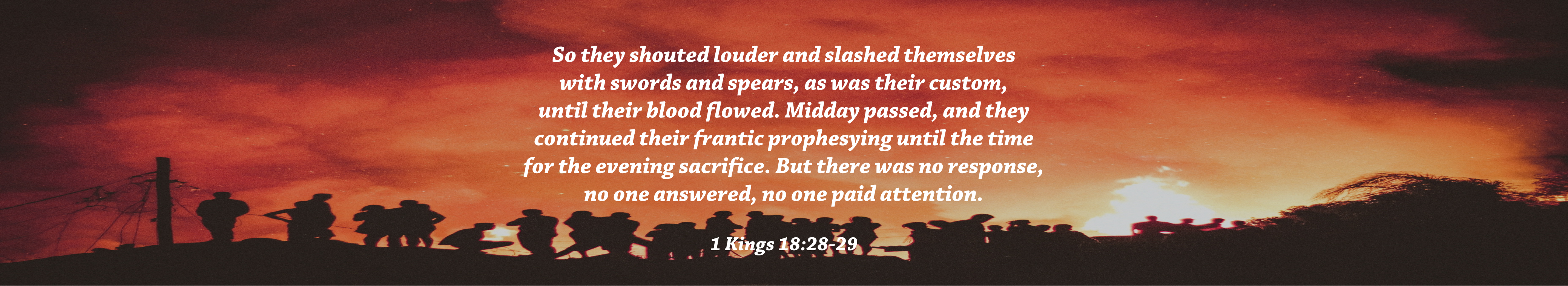
COMMON ENGLISH VERSION

Peradventure he had to go to the latrine!

JUBILEE BIBLE

1 Kings 18:27





*So they shouted louder and slashed themselves
with swords and spears, as was their custom,
until their blood flowed. Midday passed, and they
continued their frantic prophesying until the time
for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response,
no one answered, no one paid attention.*

1 Kings 18:28-29

*We know that we are children of God,
but the whole world is under
the control of the evil one.*

1 John 5:19





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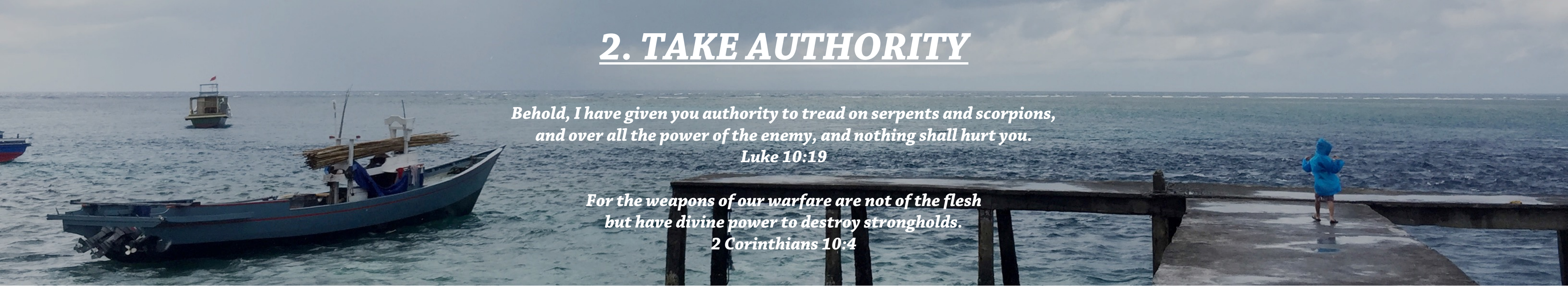
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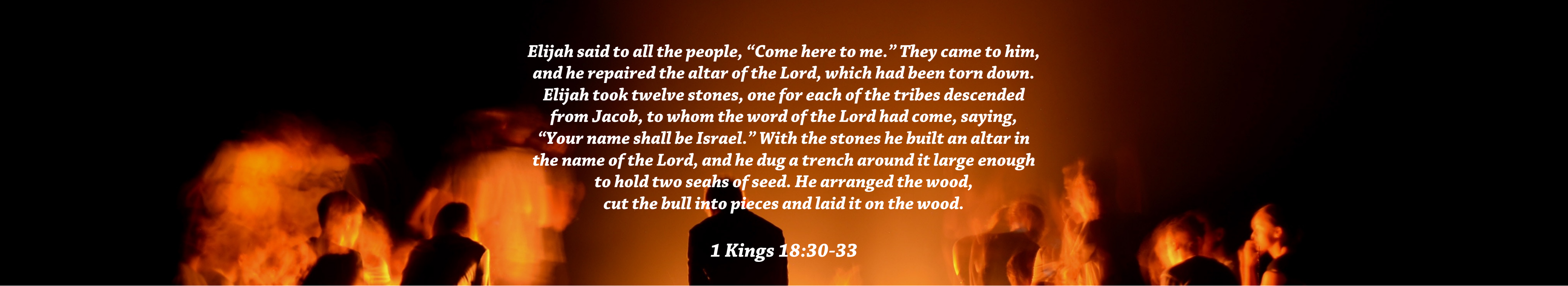
*Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions,
and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.*

Luke 10:19

*For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh
but have divine power to destroy strongholds.*

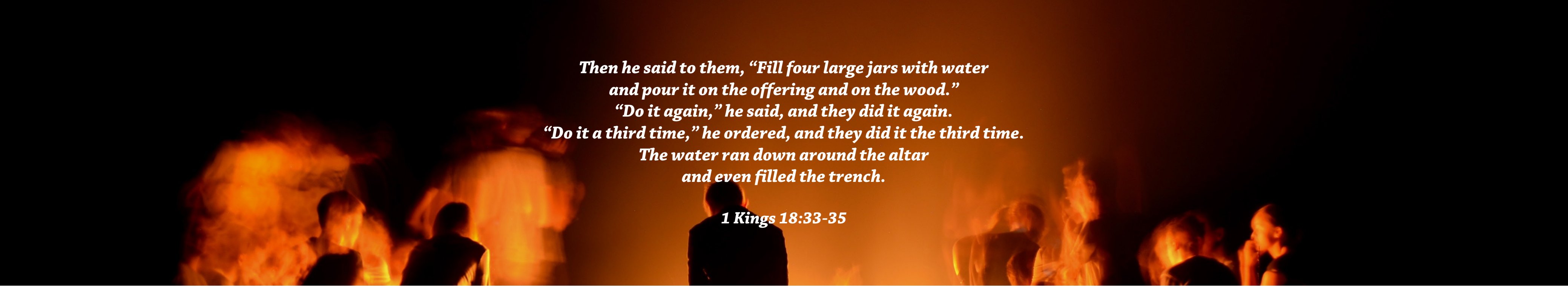
2 Corinthians 10:4



A dramatic scene of a bonfire at night. Large, bright orange and yellow flames rise from a pile of wood in the center. Several people are standing around the fire, their silhouettes visible against the intense light. The background is dark, making the fire the central focus. The overall atmosphere is one of awe and power.

Elijah said to all the people, “Come here to me.” They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the Lord, which had been torn down. Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord had come, saying, “Your name shall be Israel.” With the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood.

1 Kings 18:30-33

A dramatic scene of a bonfire at night. Large, bright orange and yellow flames rise from a central point, illuminating the surrounding area. Several people are visible in the foreground, their silhouettes dark against the intense light of the fire. They appear to be standing and watching the fire. The background is dark, emphasizing the fire as the primary light source.

*Then he said to them, “Fill four large jars with water
and pour it on the offering and on the wood.”
“Do it again,” he said, and they did it again.
“Do it a third time,” he ordered, and they did it the third time.
The water ran down around the altar
and even filled the trench.*

1 Kings 18:33-35



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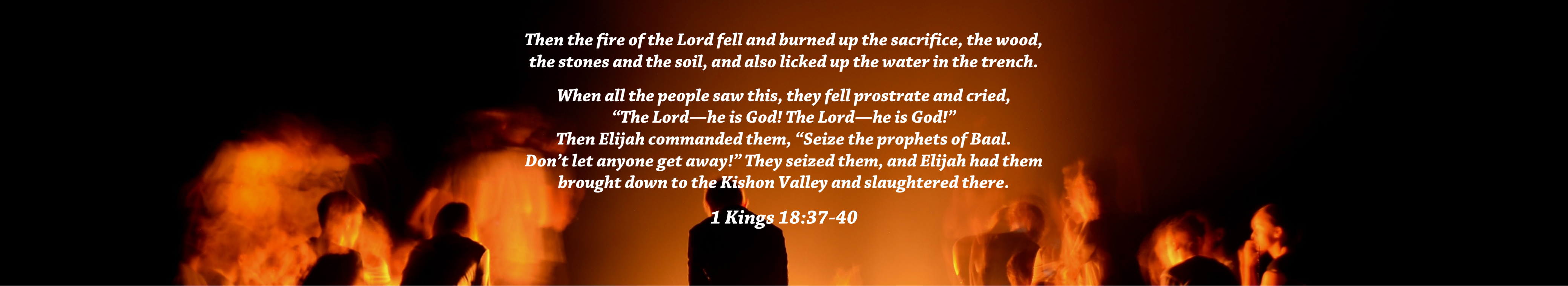
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1 Kings 18:30

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*At the time of sacrifice, Elijah stepped forward and prayed:
“Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today
that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done
all these things at your command. 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 18:36-37

A dramatic scene of a bonfire at night. Large, bright orange and yellow flames rise from a pile of wood and debris. In the foreground, several people are silhouetted against the fire, looking on. The background is dark, with more people visible in the distance, also watching the fire. The overall atmosphere is one of awe and power.

***Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood,
the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.***

***When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried,
“The Lord—he is God! The Lord—he is God!”***

***Then Elijah commanded them, “Seize the prophets of Baal.
Don’t let anyone get away!” They seized them, and Elijah had them
brought down to the Kishon Valley and slaughtered there.***

1 Kings 18:37-40



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