



**God Cares in our
Darkest Moments**

1 KINGS 19

Job

“Why wasn’t I born dead?” (3:11)

“Had I died at birth, I would now be at peace.
I would be asleep and at rest.” (3:13)

“I wish he [God] would crush me. I wish he
would reach out his hand and kill me.” (6:9)

“I will never again feel happiness.” (7:7)

“I hate my life and don’t want to go on living.”
(7:16)

Verse 4: "I am as good as dead, like a strong man with no strength left."

Verse 8: "I am repulsive to my friends."

Verse 18: "You have taken away my companions and loved ones."

"Darkness is my closest friend."

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ELIJAH (1 KINGS 19)

“I have had enough, Lord,” he said. “Take my life, for I am no better than my ancestors who have already died.”

The Book of 1 Kings

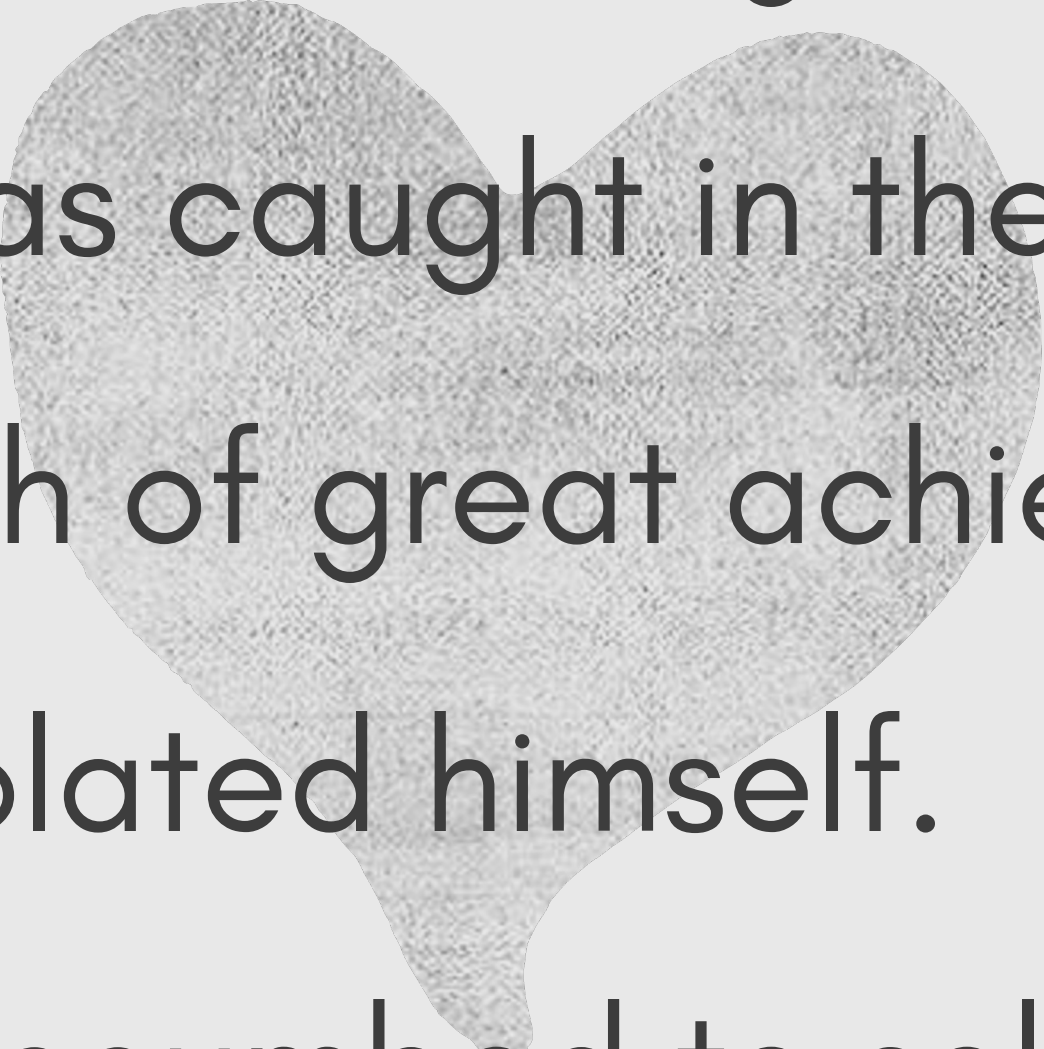
Focus	One Nation Becomes Two											
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Topics	The King with a Divided Heart					The Divided Kingdom He Left Behind						
	Dedication					Disruption						
Place	Jerusalem					Northern Kingdom: Israel Southern Kingdom : Judah						
Time	About 130 Years											
Author	Believed to be Jeremiah											

THE MAIN EVENTS

- Faced down an entire nation
- Called down fire from heaven
- Killed 450 Baal prophets
- Called down rain from heaven when there was not a cloud in the sky
- Raced Ahab's chariot on foot...and won!

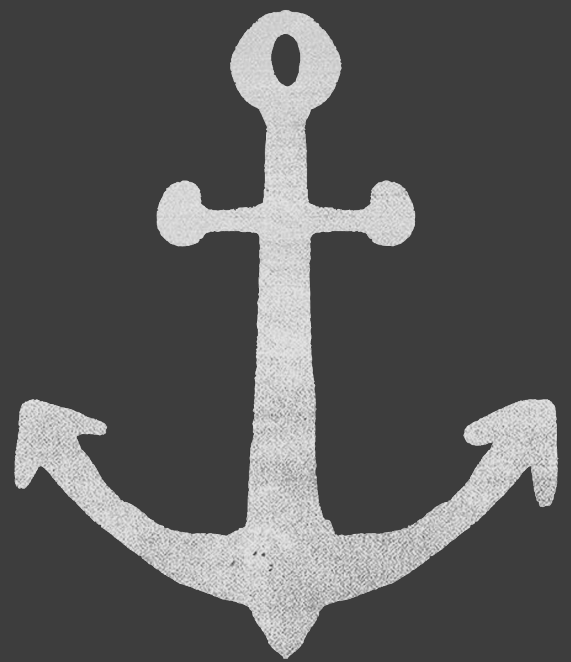
“So Jezebel sent this message to Elijah: “May the gods strike me and even kill me if by this time tomorrow I have not killed you just as you killed them.” Elijah was afraid and fled for his life. He went to Beersheba, a town in Judah, and he left his servant there. Then he went on alone into the wilderness, traveling all day. He sat down under a solitary broom tree and prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, Lord,” he said. “Take my life...””



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1. Elijah wasn't thinking accurately.
 2. Elijah was caught in the aftermath of great achievements.
 3. Elijah isolated himself.
 4. Elijah succumbed to self-pity.

How God Cared

1. God tended to Elijah's physical needs.
2. God listened to Elijah.
3. God corrected Elijah's misperceptions.
4. God provided a close, supportive, personal friend.



Let us pray

