



FIRE STARTER

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See I Kings 17-18.

I won't let you *MURDER* my grandson.

Baal has more power than your God!



The old ways are gone, Papa.
King Ahab knows what he's doing.

Ahh, what a *lovely* sacrifice.

Baal will bless you for this!



Noooooo

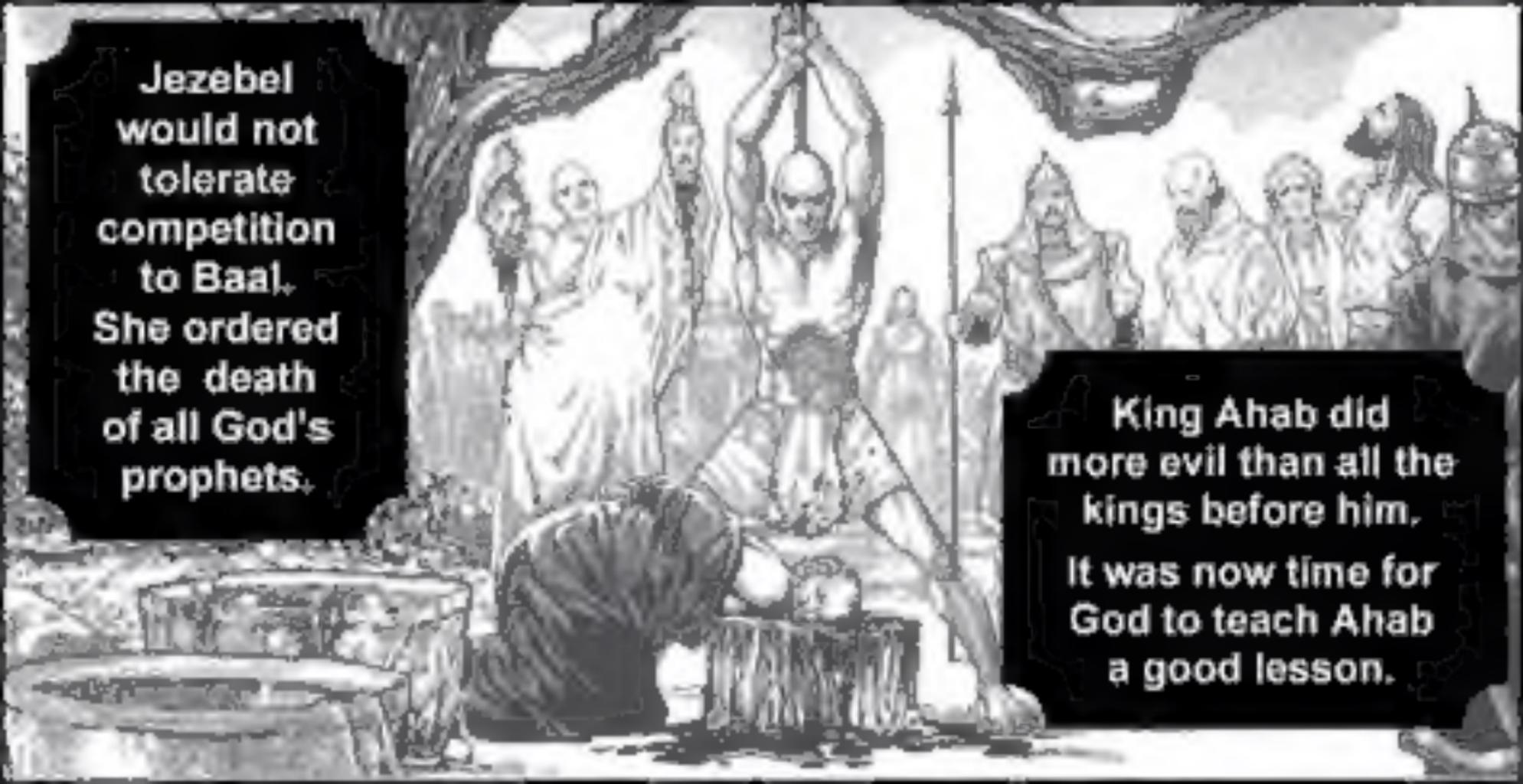
Baal was the sun god.



When the fierce heat of summer withered the crops, Baal's priests demanded human sacrifices to appease their idol.

Poor little Samuel was burned alive. This was forbidden in the law of God. (See Deut. 18:10.)

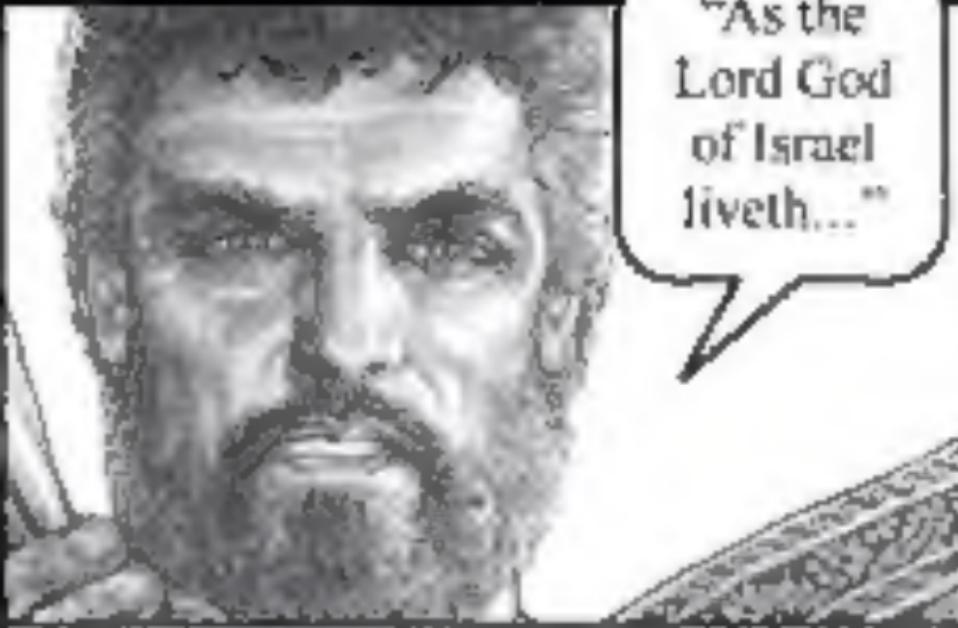
Such was life in Israel in 900 B.C.



**Jezebel
would not
tolerate
competition
to Baal.
She ordered
the death
of all God's
prophets.**

**King Ahab did
more evil than all the
kings before him.
It was now time for
God to teach Ahab
a good lesson.**

One day the prophet Elijah told Ahab that it wouldn't rain until he said so.



"As the Lord God of Israel liveth..."

God had challenged Baal... whom Ahab believed controlled the seasons.



God told Elijah to go hide by a brook called Cherith.

God commanded the ravens to feed him.

The drought was horrible!



The food was nearly gone and starvation stalked the land. More babies were sacrificed to Baal.

King Ahab knew that only Elijah could bring rain... so the manhunt began!



Eventually, the brook dried up, too.



So God sent Elijah to a widow who would take care of him.



Elijah asked for water and bread.



She said she was about to cook the last of her food... then she and her son would die of starvation.

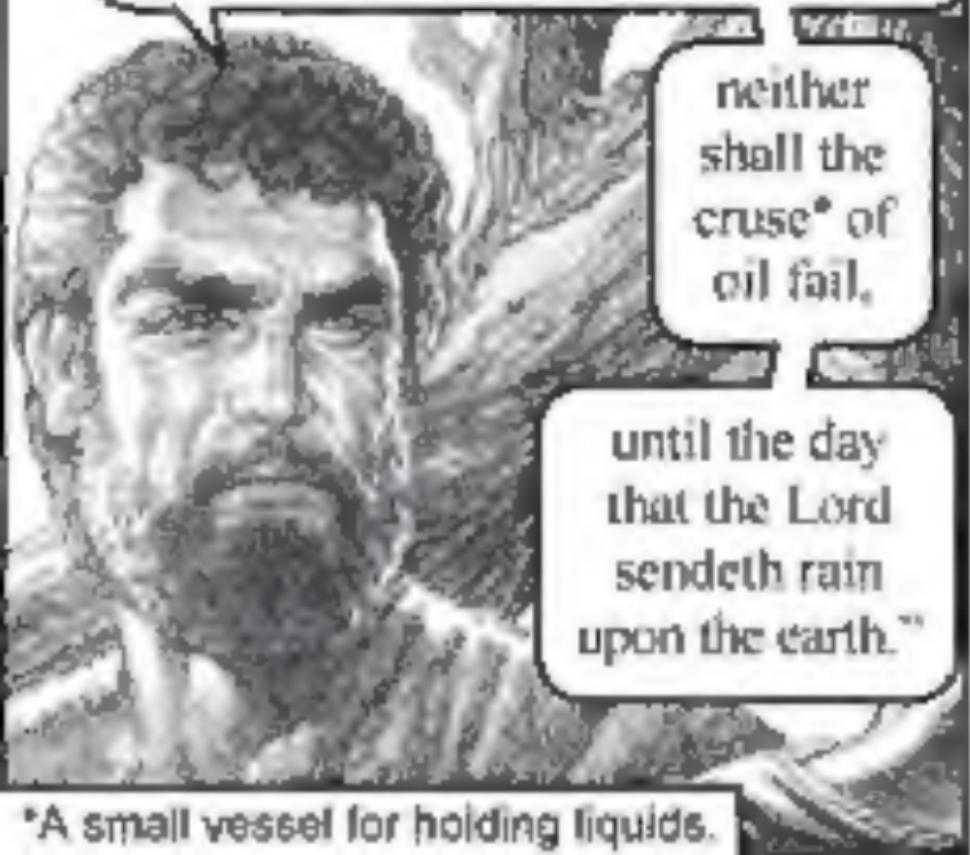


Elijah told her not to be afraid, and gave her this wonderful promise...

"Thus saith the Lord God of Israel,
The barrel of meal shall not waste,

neither
shall the
cruse* of
oil fail,

until the day
that the Lord
sendeth rain
upon the earth."



*A small vessel for holding liquids.

So the widow prepared a meal for
Elijah with the last of her food...



and God faithfully fed them
throughout the famine.

3 years later God sent Elijah to Ahab

The showdown
was coming.



About this time

Ahab summoned Obadiah a man
who had disobeyed the king

King Ahab wants
to see you NOW!



When Jezebel was killing the prophets
of God, Obadiah hid and fed 100 of
them in caves. *Did the king find out?*

No He wanted Obadiah to go find water to keep his horses alive

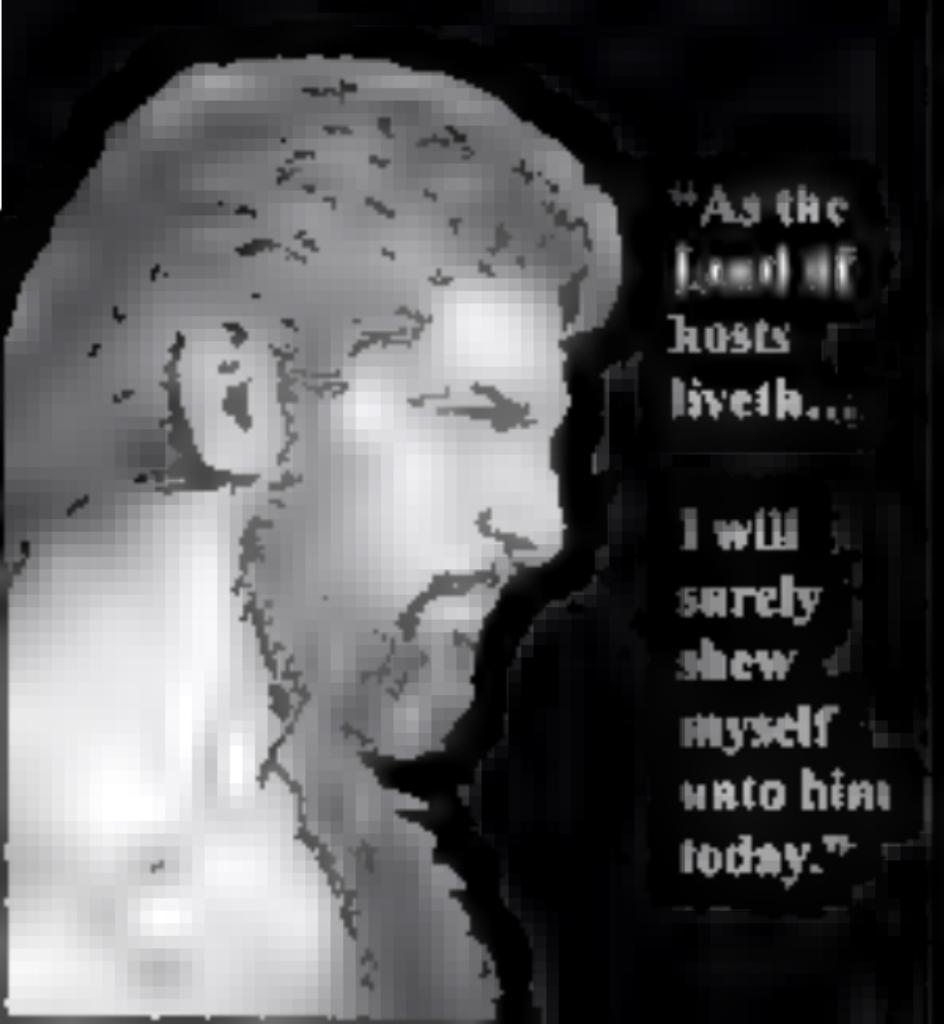
Gasp!

Obadiah was stunned when he saw Elijah.

Art thou my lord Elijah?

I am! Go tell Ahab I am here

But if you disappear again he will kill me



When Ahab heard the news,
he rushed to meet Elijah



'Art thou HE
that troubleth
Israel?'



Ahab wasn't
prepared for
Elijah's answer.



I have not troubled Israel

But **YOU** have
forsaken the Lord,
to follow Baal.



Elijah
ordered
Ahab and
all Israel to
gather on
Mount Carmel...

along with 850
prophets of Baal.

King Ahab did as he was told
because he was afraid of Elijah.

When the hostile crowd blamed Elijah for the drought, he said:

'How long halt ye between two opinions?
If the Lord be God, follow him;
but if Baal, then follow him.'



The people were afraid to answer.



This was to be a showdown between God and Satan.

Young bulls were prepared for sacrifice. Whoever sent fire from heaven and burnt up the sacrifice would be the TRUE God.



The 850 prophets of Baal cried out from early morning until noon. But Baal didn't answer.

They looked like fools!

Elijah made fun of them.



They slashed themselves, but Baal never answered. Satan **ALWAYS** double-crosses his followers.

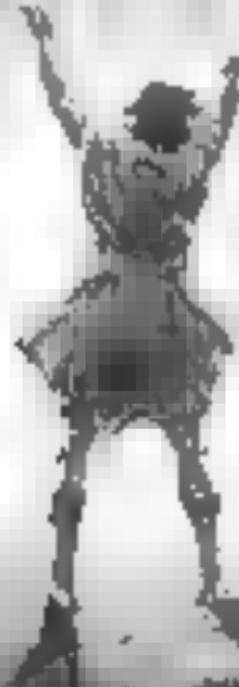
Now it was Elijah's turn.

His altar was soaked with water three times.



The evil crowd hoped Elijah would fail so they could kill him.

When Elijah prayed, the Creator of the universe shot fire from heaven and hit Elijah's sacrifice.



The fire burned everything and even licked up the water! The stunned crowd shouted, "The Lord, he is the God, the Lord, he is the God!"

Baal left.
His priests
were executed.



The people repented
and returned to God

Elijah prayed and God sent rain.



The Lord, **HE** is God!

Today another showdown between
God and Satan is taking place

The prize is **YOUR SOUL**



The same one who sent fire and burned up Elijah's sacrifice was born 900 years later in Bethlehem.



He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. (John 1:10)

He was Jesus Christ, the Son of God, born of a virgin named Mary, fulfilling prophecy. (See Isaiah 7:14 and Matt. 1:23.)

Satan was HORRIFIED! The Creator of the universe was walking the earth.



Jesus said:

I am the way,
the truth, the
life: no man
cometh unto
the Father,
but by me.

(John 14:6)

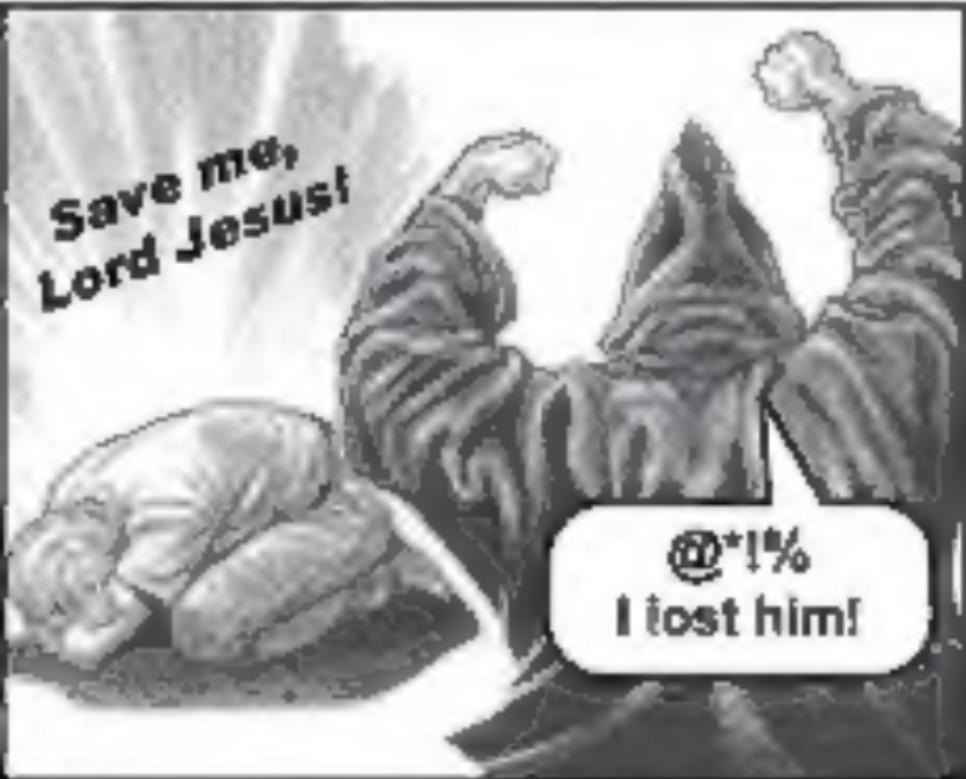
The reason Jesus came to earth was
to shed God's blood for our sins.



When Jesus rose from the dead,
He defeated Satan... **again!**

For God so loved
the world, that
he gave his only
begotten Son,
that whosoever
believeth in
him should not
perish, but have
everlasting life.
John 3:16

Just like those in Elijah's time... we must choose between God and Satan.



Choose the one **YOU** will serve.

Eternal life in heaven with Jesus



Eternal pain in hell with Satan



Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (from hell). Romans 10:13

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at www.chick.com.

