

BAAL THE GOD OF FIRE..1Kgs. 18:19, 20-40, 2Kgs. 10:18-28 ..ELIJAH & YEHU

In the following verses I will very briefly show how the so-called "god of Fire" the popular **Ba'al** god was made and example of by the prophets Elijah and Yehu.

In 1Kgs. 18:20-40, the people called upon their Fire God for the entire day while Elijah patiently waited for him to come and consume the altar of sacrifice. Elijah knew no deity was coming, so he made sure all the people assembled witnessed first hand who the God of Fire really was. Both Elijah and Yehu provoked the worshippers of Ba'al to come forward and expose their so-called FIRE GOD as to who he really was.

ELIJAH DEALS WITH THE BAAL GOD



1Kgs. 18:22-24 "Then Eliyahu said to the people, "I, I alone, am the only prophet of ADONAI who is left, while **Ba'al's prophets number 450**. 23 Let them give us two young bulls, and they can choose the bull they want for themselves. Then let them cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood but put no fire under it. I will prepare the other bull, lay it on the wood and put no fire under it. 24 **Then, you, call on the name of your god; and I will call on the name of ADONAI; and the God who answers with fire, let him be God!**" All the people answered, "Good idea! Agreed!"

1Kgs. 18:19 Now order all Isra'el to assemble before me on Mount Karmel, along with the **450 prophets of Ba'al and the 400 prophets of the asherah** who eat at Izevel's table."

Baal "god of fire" who's companion was the goddess of Asteroth/Ashteroth. Also a fertility god, (Hebrew ba'al) means "owner", or "lord" (notice it's not Lord). Popular god of the Middle East, especially Canaanites.

1Kgs. 18:20-40 Ach'av sent word to all the people of Isra'el and assembled the prophets together on Mount Karmel. 21 Eliyahu stepped forward before all the people and said, "How long are you going to jump back and forth between two positions? If ADONAI is Elohim, follow him; but if it's Ba'al, follow him!" The people answered him not a word. 22 **Then Eliyahu said to the people, "I, I alone, am the only prophet of ADONAI who is left, while Ba'al's prophets number 450**. 23 Let them give us two young bulls, and they can choose the bull they want for themselves. Then let them cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood but put no fire under it. I will prepare the other bull, lay it on the wood and put no fire under it. 24 Then, you, call on the name of your god; and I will call on the name of ADONAI; and the God who answers with fire, let him be God!" All the people answered, "Good idea! Agreed!"

25 Then Eliyahu said to the prophets of Ba'al, "Choose one bull for yourselves, and prepare it first; because there are many of you. Then call on the name of your god, but put no fire under it." 26 They took the bull that was given to them, prepared it and called on the name of Ba'al from morning till noon — "Ba'al! Answer us!" But no voice was heard; and no one answered, as they jumped around on the altar they had made. 27 Around noon Eliyahu began ridiculing them: "Shout louder! After all, he's a god, isn't he? Maybe he's daydreaming, or he's on the potty, or he's away on a trip. Maybe he's asleep, and you have to wake him up." 28 **So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and knives, as their custom was, until blood gushed out all over them**. 29 By now it was afternoon, and they went on ranting and raving until it was time for the evening offering. But no voice came, no one answered, no one paid any attention.

30 Then Eliyahu said to all the people, "Come here to me." All the people came up to him, as he set about repairing the altar of ADONAI that had been broken down. 31 Eliyahu took twelve stones, in keeping with the number of tribes of the sons of Ya'akov, to whom the word of ADONAI had come, saying, "Your name is to be Isra'el." 32 With the stones he built an altar in the name of ADONAI. Then he dug a trench around the altar large enough for half a bushel of grain. 33 He arranged the wood, cut up the bull and laid it on the wood. 34

Then he said, "Fill four pots with water, and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood." They did it. "Do it again," he said, and they did it again. "Do it a third time," he said, and they did it a third time.

35 By now the water was flowing around the altar, and it had filled the trench. 36 Then, when it came time for offering the evening offering, Eliyahu the prophet approached and said, "ADONAI, God of Avraham, Yitz'chak and Isra'el, let it be known today that you are God in Isra'el, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. 37 Hear me, ADONAI, hear me, so that this people may know that you, ADONAI, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back to you." 38 **Then the fire of ADONAI fell. It consumed the burnt offering, the wood, the stones and the dust; and it licked up the water in the trench.** 39 **When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "ADONAI is God! ADONAI is God!"** 40 Eliyahu said to them, "Seize the prophets of Ba'al! Don't let one of them escape!"

They seized them; and Eliyahu brought them down to Vadi Kishon and killed them there."



YEHU DOES SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THE BAAL GOD, THAT ELIJAH DID

Baal was the god of rain and storm. Idols of him depicted him with a club in one hand and a lightning flash in the other. Elijah knew that the prophets of Baal thought their pagan deity could and would bring lightning (fire) from the sky, that's why he said "and the God who answers by fire". He showed them that their fire god was a hoax, like all the other pagan gods.

2Kgs. 10:18-28 "Next, Yehu assembled all the people and said to them, "Ach'av served Ba'al in limited measure, but Yehu will serve him with full zeal. 19 Therefore summon all the prophets of Ba'al to me, all his worshippers and all his priests. None of them is to be missing, because I am going to offer a great sacrifice to Ba'al; whoever is missing will not remain alive." But Yehu was setting a trap, in order to destroy the worshippers of Ba'al. 20 Yehu said, "Proclaim a solemn assembly for Ba'al," and they did so. 21 Yehu sent throughout all Isra'el, and all the worshippers of Ba'al came, so that there was not one man left that didn't come. They entered the temple of Ba'al, and the temple of Ba'al was filled from one end to the other. 22 To the man in charge of the wardrobe he said, "Bring out robes for all the worshippers of Ba'al"; and he brought them clothes. 23 Yehu and Y'honadav the son of Rekhav entered the house of Ba'al and said to the worshippers of Ba'al, "Search to see that none of the servants of ADONAI is here with you, only worshippers of Ba'al." 24 Then they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. But Yehu had chosen eighty men to remain outside. He said, "If any of the men I am about to put in your hands escapes, it will be your life for his." 25 As soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, Yehu said to the guards and officers, "Go in, and kill them; don't let one of them get out." So they killed them with the sword; then, after the guards and officers had thrown their bodies outside, they went into the temple of Ba'al's inner shrine, 26 brought out the pillars in the temple of Ba'al and burned them. 27 Finally, they broke down Ba'al's standing-stone and demolished the temple of Ba'al, converting it into a latrine, which it still is today. 28 Thus Yehu rid Isra'el of Ba'al.

Here we see Yehu doing the same thing Elijah did, using the supposed "Fire God Ba'al" to draw out all the occult priests and worshippers of Ba'al so that he could have them all destroyed. Baal is mentioned in many verses in the Bible. Jeremiah mentioned and warned people about Baal in **Jer. 7:8-10** "Behold, you are

*trusting in deceptive words to no avail. Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and offer sacrifices to **Baal**, and walk after other gods that you have not known, then come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My name, and say, 'We are delivered !'—**that you may do all these abominations?***

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