

DEFINING MOMENTS

BREAK OUT OF THE
MONOTONY. SEIZE THE
MOMENT GOD HAS
DEFINED FOR YOU.

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AT THE CHERITH BROOK,
EAST OF THE JORDAN

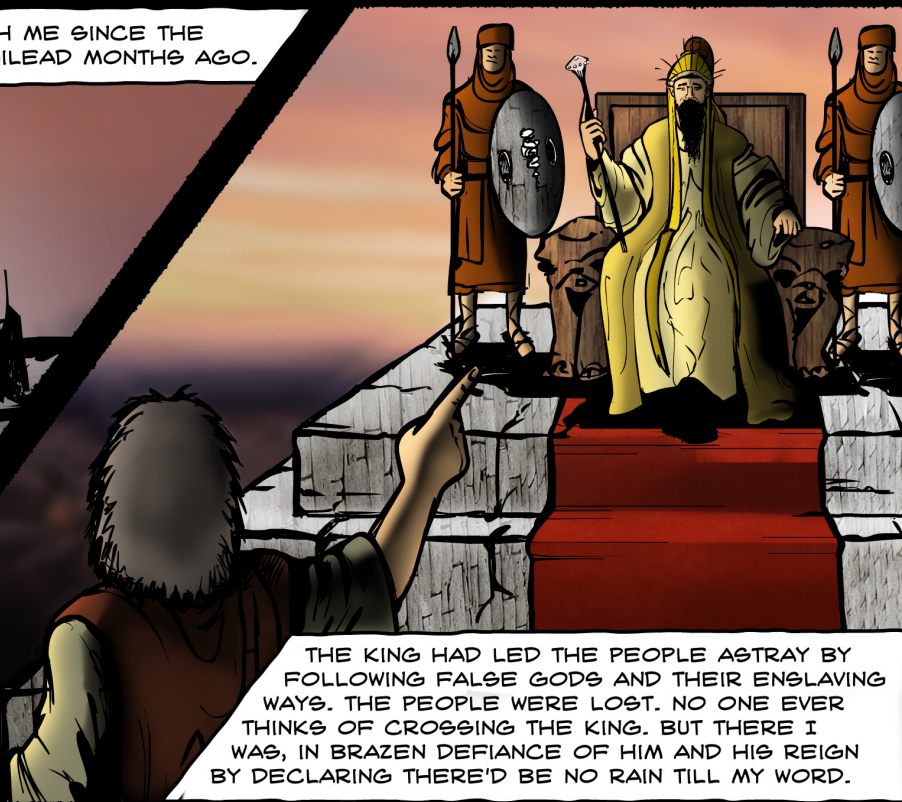
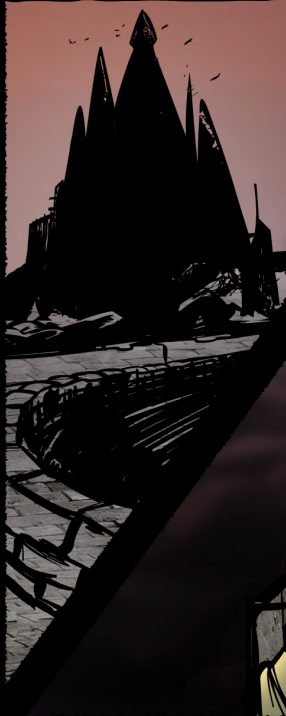


I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE IN HIDING THIS LONG, IN THE MIDDLE OF A BARREN WILDERNESS. THE KING WON'T DISCOVER ME OUT HERE WHERE ONE MUST RELY ON RAVENS. I RELY ON THEM TO BRING ME FOOD... AND PERHAPS COMPANY. WHY RAVENS?



IS IT BECAUSE OF THEIR INTELLIGENCE? THEIR SURVIVAL INSTINCT? OR, IS GOD TRYING TO MAKE ME SMILE AMIDST DESPAIR?

THEY'VE BEEN WITH ME SINCE THE ALTERCATION IN GILEAD MONTHS AGO.



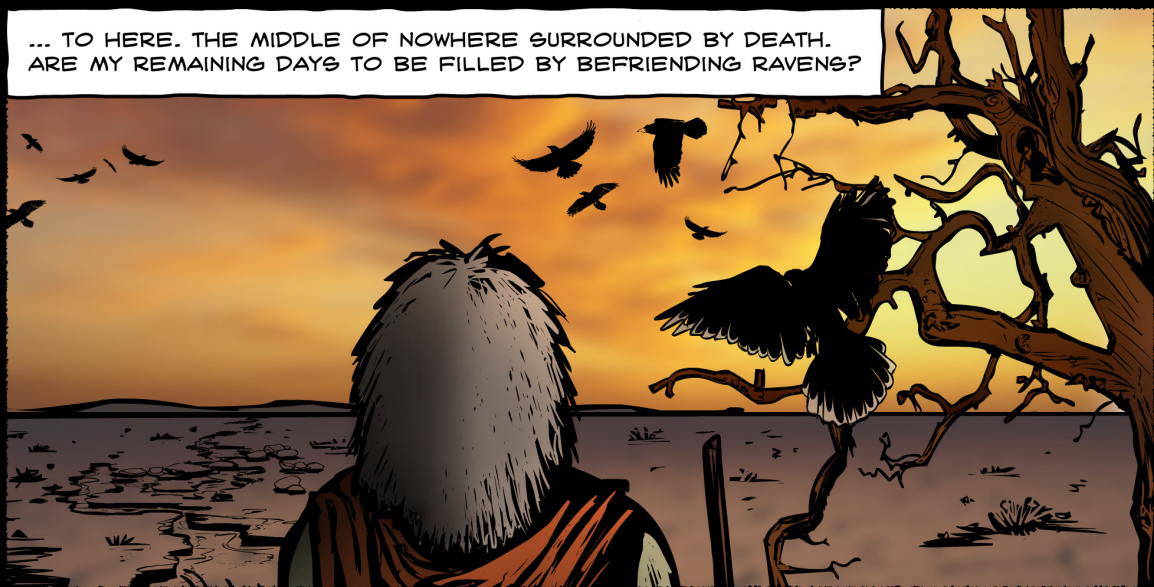
THE KING HAD LED THE PEOPLE ASTRAY BY FOLLOWING FALSE GODS AND THEIR ENGLAVING WAYS. THE PEOPLE WERE LOST. NO ONE EVER THINKS OF CROSSING THE KING. BUT THERE I WAS, IN BRAZEN DEFIANCE OF HIM AND HIS REIGN BY DECLARING THERE'D BE NO RAIN TILL MY WORD.

THE GAUNTLET WAS THROWN AT THAT MOMENT, THE MIGHT OF GOD VERSUS THE MIGHT OF FALSE GODS.



THE KING WAS ENRAGED. I WAS DEAD. ALL OF THE KING'S MEN TRIED TO CAPTURE ME, BUT BY THE GRACE OF THE LORD, I ESCAPED GILEAD...

... TO HERE. THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE SURROUNDED BY DEATH.
ARE MY REMAINING DAYS TO BE FILLED BY BEFRIENDING RAVENS?



ARISE. GO TO ZAREPHATH, WHICH BELONGS TO
SIDON, AND DWELL THERE. BEHOLD, I HAVE
COMMANDED A WIDOW THERE TO FEED YOU.



SO I MADE THE JOURNEY TO ZAREPHATH.



AND I MET UP WITH THE WIDOW AND HER
SON. WHILE I STAYED WITH THEM,
I SAW GOD AT WORK.



DURING THE THIRD YEAR OF MY EXILE...


GO SHOW YOURSELF TO AHAB
AND I WILL SEND RAIN UPON THE EARTH.

I TRUST GOD AND DEPART

...BY THE GRACE OF RAVENS.
PRAISE THE LORD.

THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD OF HIDING
I'VE SEEN GOD WORK THROUGH ME
AND ON BEHALF
OF ME...

FROM A DISTANCE
I SEE OBADIAH, A LOYAL FRIEND.
HE SERVES THE KING BUT IS LOYAL TO ME.
WHILE GONE I WORKED WITH HIM TO KEEP A
REMNANT OF PROPHETS ALIVE DESPITE
AHAB'S INTENTIONS. I TELL OBADIAH...



WHAT WILL AHAB'S REACTION BE TO SEEING
ME? WILL HIS HEART BE SOFTENED OR WILL
HE CONTINUE TO TAUNT GOD?



GO TELL YOUR LORD
"BEHOLD, ELIJAH IS HERE!"

