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16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Elijah.
17 When he saw Elijah, he said to him, “Is that you, you troubler of Israel?”
18 “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. 19 Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount
Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four
hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel’s table.”
20 So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount
Carmel. 21 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.

25 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.” 26 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.27 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.

19 Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all
the prophets with the sword. 2 So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May
the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not
make your life like that of one of them.”
3 Elijah was afraid[a] and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he
left his servant there, 4 while he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness.
He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. “I have
had enough, LORD,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.”
5 Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

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