of a powerless woman led him to be ready to throw aside all that he had done Chapter 1, verse 19, Jezebel, here is what happened. How Elijah has for God. have slain the prophets of Jezebel, and she sends the-messenger and says to him, life make not life So let the gods do to me and more also if I do-not-make-thy light like the lightabout of one of them by tomorrow by this time. If Jezebel had the power to kill have him Elijah, she would have sent someone to kill him, she would beized him and she would put him = in prison. She would not have send him an ido- idole threat. She knew that she could not do anything against him. It was just a threat. She did not have the power. If she had wanted, if she thought she had the power to do that, she would have killed him long before this. If she felt that she had the power to-kill-him,-she would have killed him after this. But she never She sent an idde threat. poor did/and At an idde threat, the/prophet, overro.., overtired, fell at the p two points of his great strength. She said, let the gods do/me and more also, I make not if/thy life like the life of one of them. God was on Elijah's side. Hezebel was a follower of the false Baal whom Elijah had mocked and declared that they had no power. They can do nothing. They knew nothingk They could do nothing. Cry aloud, perhaps he is ... perhaps he is in his journey. Perhaps he is asleep. He mopped the 850 prophets of Baal. A silly woman, a powerless woman said, I am going to kill you, or let the gods do to me and more also, if do-I do not kill you by this time tomorrow. And Elfjah gets up and flees for his Israel life and walks all the distance down to/, all the way across Judah, way down to Beersheba, the extreme southern end of Judah, and then goes out into the wilderness way down across until he comes to Mount Sinai. Chapter 19 is a chapter in which God shows His wonderful mercy and His love toward His dis d and tired and overrod prophet. But what a failure, and how needless, how silly of Elijah to follow , to flee from the empty words of the powerless Jezebel wh o could not simply in- have injured him. How foolish of him to give upt the work to run away not to stay at his post and begin the great teaching ministry which should have immediately followed on the great display of Gdd's power at mount Elijah fled into the desert and- a day's journey to the south of Carmel. wished he could die Beersheba and ...-waited-there-till-he-died, it is enough, Lord, take away my life,

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