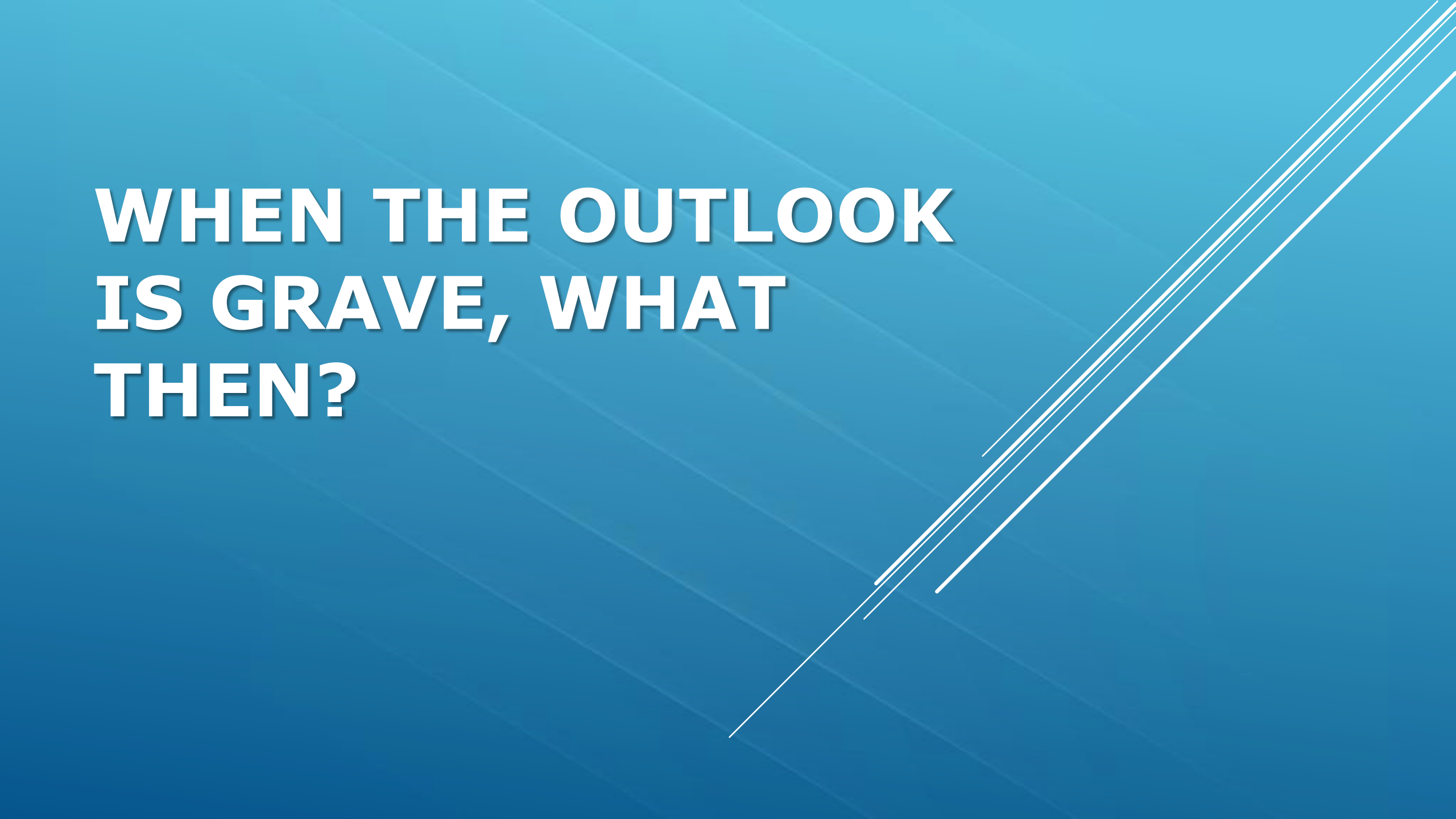


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# Elisha the Prophet

## Background

Elisha's name means "My God is Salvation"

Elisha's message - Give your attention to God

The nation was falling apart. Why? They turned away from God & worshipped idols and man-made gods.

They settled for Comfort, Pleasure, Convenience

Idol worshipping seemed attractive because it involved human effort and was a kind of prosperity gospel that promised fertility in agriculture and lifestyle.

The word of the Lord was ignored.

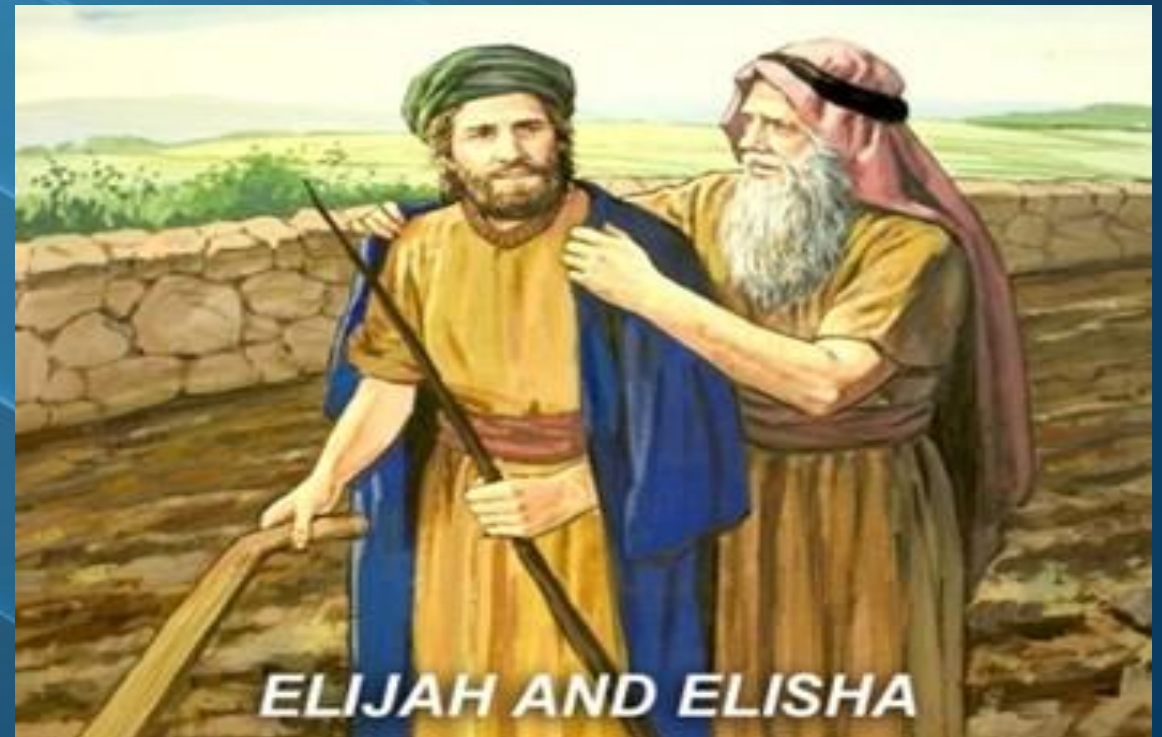
*Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him. And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?"*

## **Symbol of the mantle/cloak**

Significance of mantle

Implied covenant, connection with God. Called to make God's word known.

Power and authority from God to do it.



- ▶ *And he said, "Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it." So they brought it to him.*
- ▶ *Then he went out to the source of the water, and cast in the salt there, and said, "Thus says the LORD: 'I have healed this water; from it there shall be no more death or barrenness.'*

## **New Bowl filled with Salt**

that takes away the curse – of a city.

Salt: Covenant or agreement – Symbol

Salt: Everlasting – Incorruptible

Salt applied at the source, not at the mouth of the stream, but at the heart





# A Strategy, A Song (worship), A Shovel & A Saviour





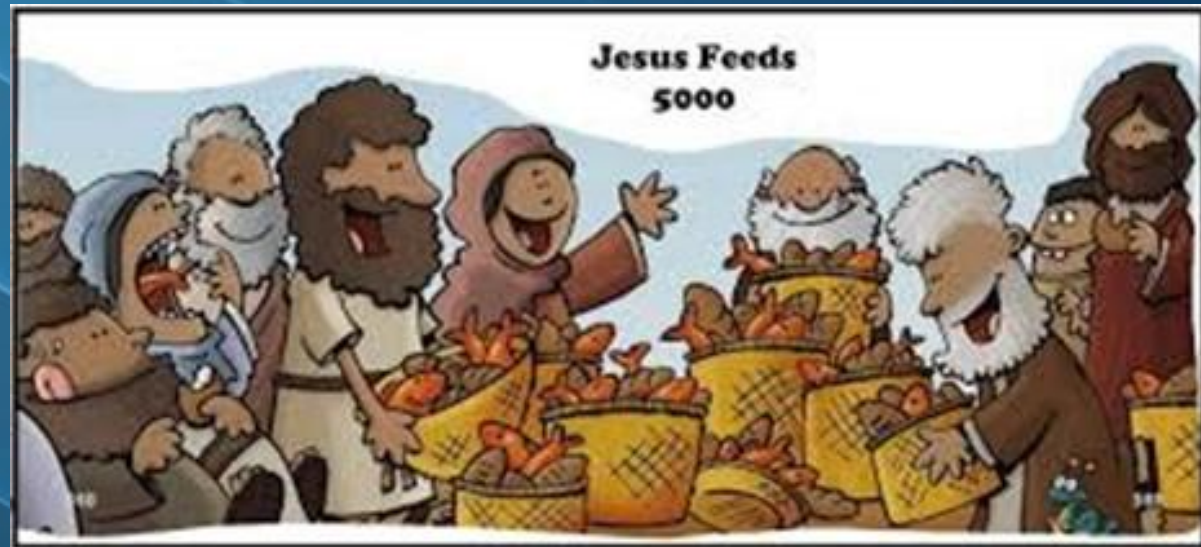
# A Crisis and an Oil shortage and God's provision



Famine  
and then a man turns up with  
20 loaves and some grain

Not enough!

but with God, there is more  
than enough, and some leftover







Healing a skin disease by bathing in a polluted river?

It was God's way, to show it was all by the grace of God

Naaman owes us!! or at least me (Gehazi). I am **entitled** to some of this wealth.



He gets leprosy and it would cling to his descendants forever





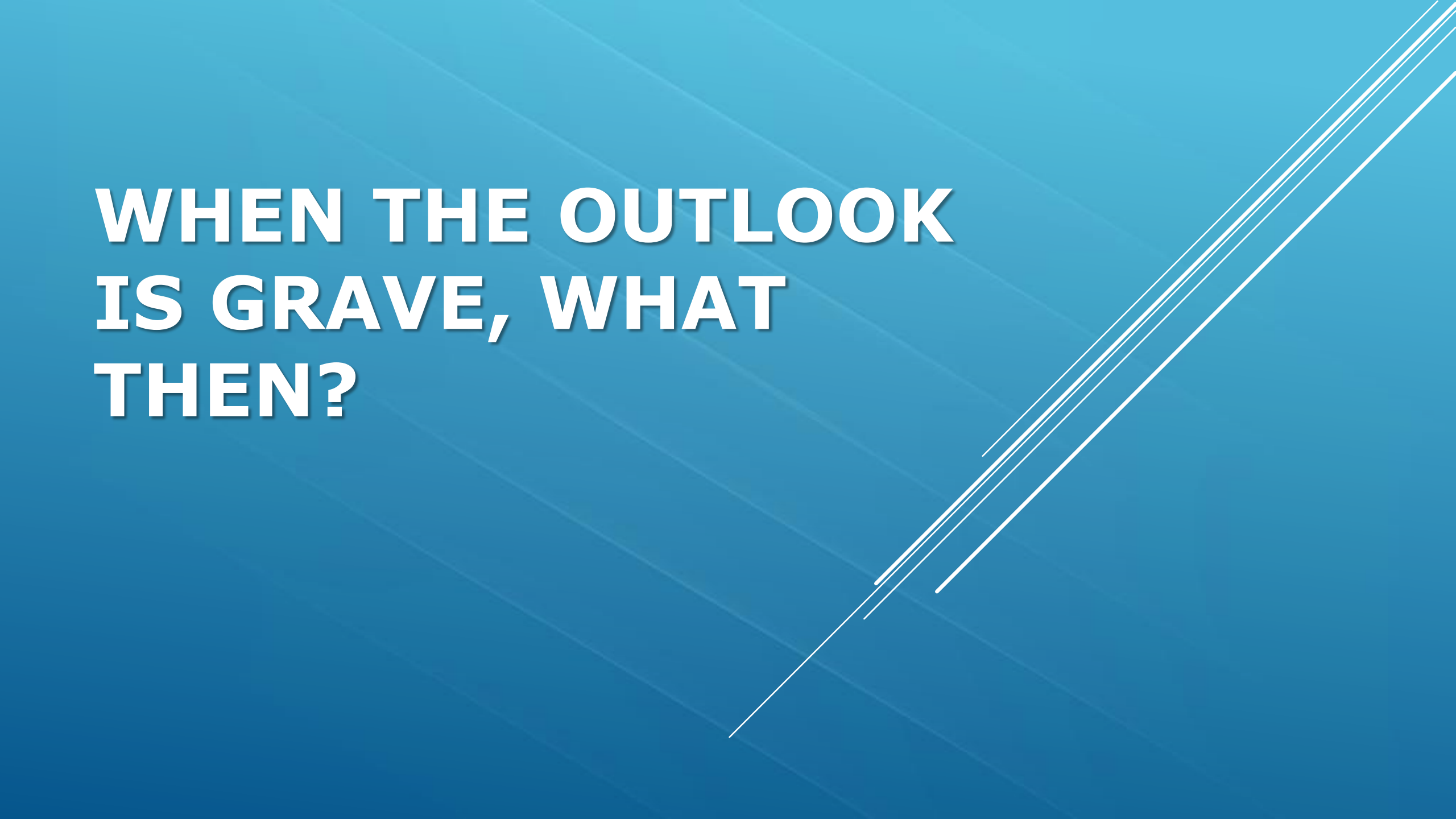
*And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.*

Revelation

Eyes open



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*As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, **"My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!"** And Elisha saw him no more.*

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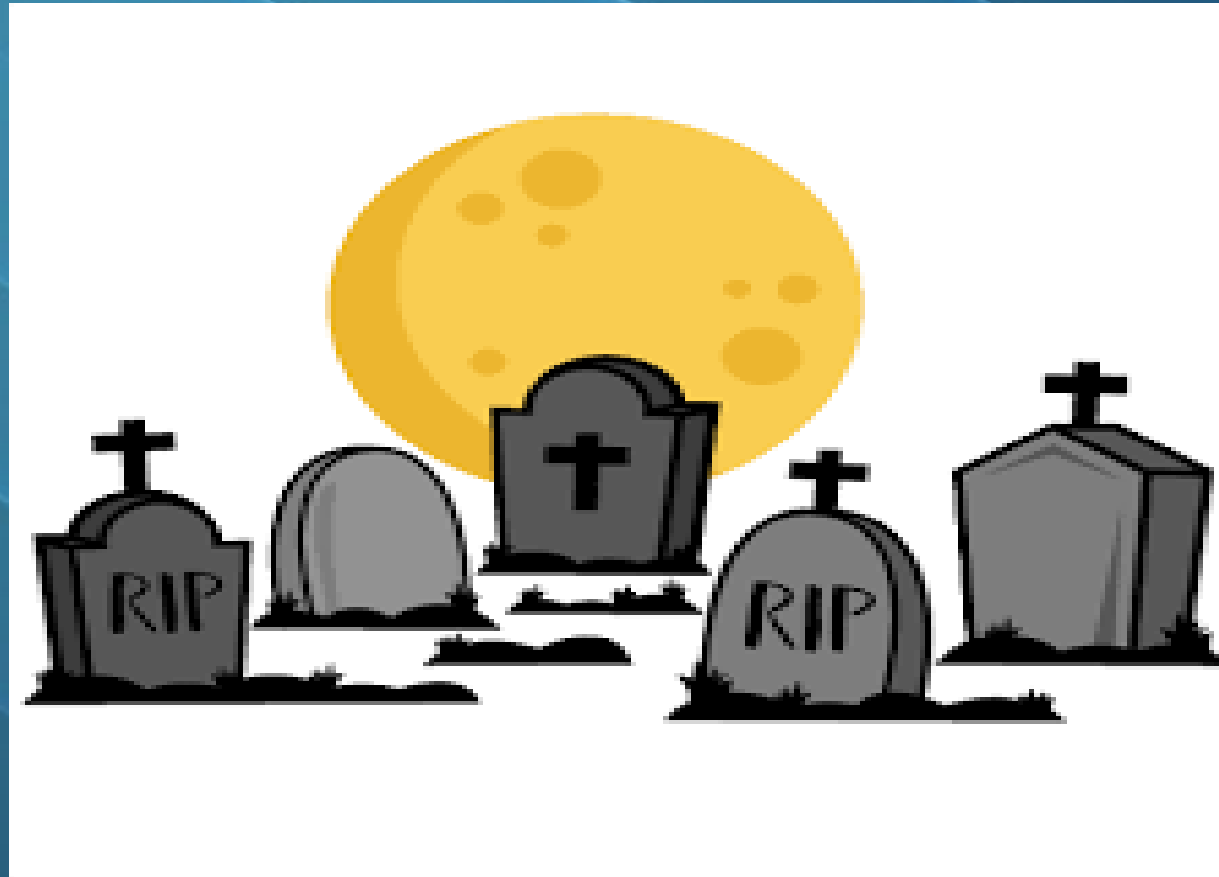
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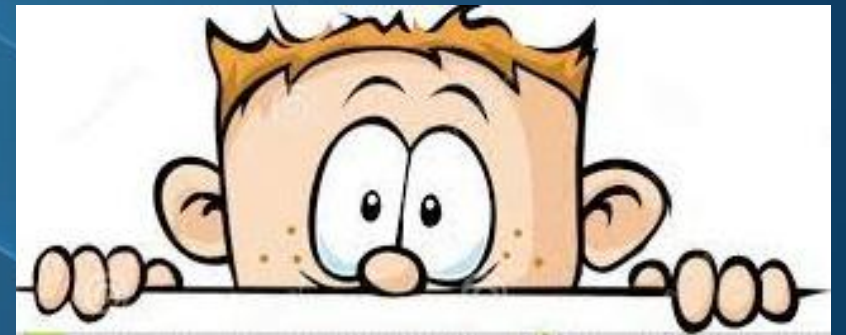






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I'm back

- ▶ **1. Elisha dies** – which he had nothing to do with.
- ▶ **2. His body is put in a grave** - which he had nothing to do with.
- ▶ **3. A body is thrown on his bones** - which he had nothing to do with.
- ▶ **4. The resurrection of a body** - which he had nothing to do with.
- ▶ How much does Elisha have to do with the miracle? – **nothing**

▶ Romans 8:38-39

*For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*