

## **Elijah and the Prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:20-40)**

### **First Principles:**

1. The event involving Elijah and the Prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel points to the birth and life of Jesus.
  
2. When interpreting an allegory, one must remember to interpret in the right direction (**the antitype → the type → you**).
  
3. Christ is the key to interpreting Scripture. All things in the Old Testament point forward to the cross. All things in the New Testament point back to the cross.

### **The Participation of 1 Kings 18:20-40 in the Christocentric Metanarrative**

Let's read the passage to begin.

<u><b>Elijah and the Prophets of Baal Narrative</b></u>	<u><b>Gospel Narrative</b></u>
1. 3 Years of Drought	1. 400 Years of Drought with God's Word
2. Jezebel Kills God's Prophets	2. Killing of the Holy Innocents
3. God Answers Elijah's Prayer	3. Arrival of the Messiah Answers All Prayers
4. Fire Comes Down from Heaven	4. The Baptism of Jesus
5. The Lord Sends Rain	5. The Cross & Empty Tomb Bring New Life
6. Elijah Flees Jezebel	6. Escape to Egypt & Jesus in the Wilderness
7. The Call of Elisha	7. Jesus Calls the 12 Disciples

### **Now It's Your Turn!**

1. Read 1 Kings 18:30-40.
2. Identify all of the ways that this passage points to Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the Sacraments.

### **3 Questions When Making Connections within the Christocentric Metanarrative**

1. Am I interpreting the allegory in the right direction (the antitype → the type → you)?
2. Is this connection helpful and edifying for Christian teaching by pointing me to Jesus?
3. Does this connection avoid twisting Scripture for the devil's purposes?