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The Miracles of Elijah

Elijah was a powerful and mysterious prophet who is considered a great hero to the people of Israel. His name means “Yahweh is God,” and Scripture tells of many miraculous events that occurred during his ministry. Elijah made a supernatural appearance with Moses in the transfiguration of Jesus (Matthew 17:1-6); and in Matthew 17:9-13, Jesus referred to Elijah as the one who “has already come” (verse 12) in the person of John the Baptist.

At the end of Elijah’s earthly ministry, he was miraculously taken up to heaven in a whirlwind.

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. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

(2 Kings 2:11-12 NIV¹)

Who was this mysterious Elijah? For deeper insight into the life of this intriguing figure, the following chart provides scriptural accounts of the miracles performed by Elijah during his ministry.²

Miracles Performed by Elijah	
Declares a long drought	1 Kings 17:1
Multiplies a widow’s flour and oil	1 Kings 17:7-16
Resurrects the widow’s son	1 Kings 17:17-24
Calls down fire from heaven	1 Kings 18:1-40
Sends a rainstorm	1 Kings 18:41-45
Outruns a chariot	1 Kings 18:46
Predicts Ahaziah’s death	2 Kings 1:1-8
Ahaziah’s men killed by fire from heaven	2 Kings 1:9-17
Parts the Jordan River	2 Kings 2:1-8

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² Charles Caldwell Ryrie, *The Ryrie Study Bible, English Standard Version* (Chicago: Moody Publishers, 2011), 416.