

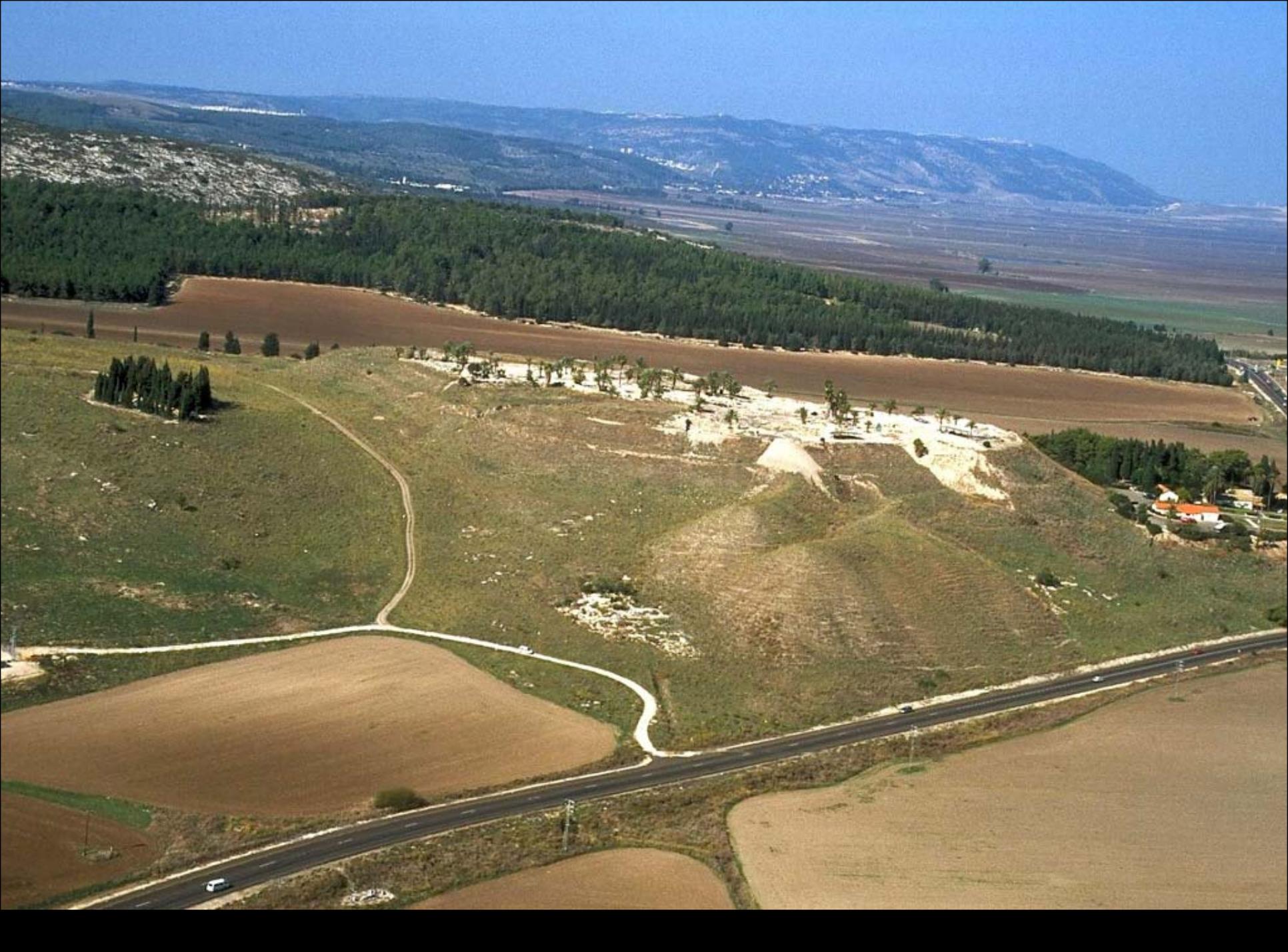
ELIJAH and THE PRIESTS OF BA'AL

CONFRONTING PAGANISM



SURREXIT ELIAS
PROPHETA QUASI
IGNIS ET VERBUM
IPSIUS QUASI FACULA
ARDEBAT

וְהָיָה אֵלִיָּהוּ
כְּאֵשׁ וְכִמְצָלָה
וְהָיָה אֵלִיָּהוּ
כְּאֵשׁ וְכִמְצָלָה
וְהָיָה אֵלִיָּהוּ
כְּאֵשׁ וְכִמְצָלָה
(1 KINGS 17:1)





1 Kings

18:21, "And Elijah came to all the people, and said,
'How long will you falter between two opinions? If the
LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.'
But the people answered him not a word."

Elements of a Religion, Philosophy, Worldview, or Approach to Life

1. Everyone has a philosophy of life: some are conscious, rational, and internally consistent, most are not.
2. Every worldview/religion contains universals, indicated by “should,” “ought,” “right,” and “wrong.”
3. Entry point then to a worldview is often through values or ethics.
4. Ethical principles are based on prior assumptions about the nature of truth or knowledge and the ultimate nature of the universe.

Elements of a Religion, Philosophy, Worldview, or Approach to Life

God

Knowledge,
truth

Ethics, values,
right and
wrong

Beauty, order,
aesthetics, or
“critical
reflection on
art, culture,
and nature”



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God

Knowledge,
truth

Ethics, values,
right and wrong,
law, politics,
government

Arbitrary,
priest based,
power based.
Violent,
destructive,
de-humanizing

Absolute; ess/
God; revealed

Beauty, order,
aesthetics, or
“critical
reflection on
art, culture,
and nature”

Elements of a Religion, Philosophy, Worldview, or Approach to Life

God

Knowledge,
truth

Purely
inductive

relative

differs only
in degree,
not kind

Revelatory, absolute, derivative

Ethics, values,
right and wrong,
law, politics,
government

Beauty, order,
aesthetics, or
“critical
reflection on
art, culture,
and nature”

Elements of a Religion, Philosophy, Worldview, or Approach to Life

God

YHWH vs Ba'al

CREATOR

Knowledge,
truth

Ethics, values,
right and wrong,
law, politics,
government

part of
creation

Beauty, order,
aesthetics, or
“critical
reflection on
art, culture,
and nature”

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God

Knowledge,
truth

Ethics, values,
right and wrong,
law, politics,
government

Creation is for the
creature.

Man is the *imago dei*

Nature is worshipped
as god.

Art and beauty are
destroyed.

Beauty, order,
aesthetics, or
“critical
reflection on
art, culture,
and nature”











1 Kings

1 Kings 18:36, "And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, 'LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word'."

1 Kings

18:37, "Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that You are the LORD God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again."



1 Kings
18:38, “Then
the fire of the
LORD fell
and
consumed
the burnt
sacrifice, and
the wood and
the stones
and the dust,
and it licked
up the water
that was in
the trench.”

