

Biblical events coast to coast:

fires rage across the nation, floods soak the Midwest, a tropical storm forms 3 weeks before the season starts and earthquakes rattle the West Coast



ORIGINAL CAPTION: Verna Jackson, center, is helped out of rescue boat after she and other members of her family were rescued from her son's house in Topeka, KS

after flood waters started to rise early Monday. Kansas and other state are bracing for more of the flooding that has hampered life in the Midwest this spring. (Anthony S. Bush / Topeka Capital-Journal via AP)

1 Kings 19: NLT

The LORD Speaks to Elijah

10 Elijah replied, “I have zealously served the LORD God Almighty. But the people of Israel have broken their covenant with you, torn down your altars, and killed every one of your prophets. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too.”

11 “Go out and stand before me on the mountain,” the LORD told him. And as Elijah stood there, the LORD passed by, *and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain. It was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.* 12 *And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper.* 13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

And a voice said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

14 He replied again, “I have zealously served the LORD God Almighty. But the people of Israel have broken their covenant with you, torn down your altars, and

killed every one of your prophets. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too.”

15 Then the LORD told him, “Go back the same way you came, and travel to the wilderness of Damascus. When you arrive there, anoint Hazael to be king of Aram. 16 Then anoint Jehu son of Nimshi to be king of Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from the town of Abel-meholah to replace you as my prophet. 17 Anyone who escapes from Hazael will be killed by Jehu, and those who escape Jehu will be killed by Elisha! 18 Yet I will preserve 7,000 others in Israel who have never bowed down to Baal or kissed him!”