

When Men Tried to Bring About the Will of Elohim

How YAH Often Delays Fulfillment So Flesh Cannot Take the Glory

The Bible records **many situations where people tried to bring about the will of Elohim themselves**—sometimes faithfully, sometimes prematurely, sometimes wrongly. Below are clear **examples from the KJV** where someone attempted to fulfill or force what they believed was Elohim’s plan.

Opening Scripture

Isaiah 55:8–9

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith YAH. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

One of the most repeated lessons in Scripture is this:

Men often **try to bring about the will of Elohim themselves**, but YAH fulfills His purposes **in His timing, by His power, and according to His command**.

When men attempt to help Elohim through the flesh, they often bring trouble instead of fulfillment.

At the same time, Scripture shows another pattern:

YAH often **delays fulfillment intentionally** so that no man can claim the glory.

The Principle: YAH Does Not Share His Glory With Flesh

1 Corinthians 1:29

“That no flesh should glory in his presence.”

Jeremiah 9:23–24

“Thus saith YAH, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:
But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me.”

Psalm 118:23

“This is YAH'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.”

1. Abraham and Sarah Producing the Promised Seed Through Hagar

They believed Elohim promised a son, but they tried to **help fulfill the promise through human planning**.

Genesis 16:1–2

“Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar.

And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, YAH hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.”

Abraham listened and had a child by Hagar.

Result

Ishmael was born, but he **was not the promised son**.

Genesis 17:19

“And Elohim said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac.”

Elohim waited until the situation was impossible in the flesh.

Romans 4:19

“And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb.”

2. Moses Killing the Egyptian

Moses believed he was meant to deliver Israel, but he **acted too soon**.

Exodus 2:11–12

“And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.”

Stephen later explains Moses believed Elohim would deliver Israel through him.

Acts 7:25

“For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that Elohim by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.”

Instead of deliverance, the children of Israel spent forty years in the wilderness.

3. Uzzah Steadying the Ark

Uzzah tried to **protect the ark of Elohim**, but he violated Elohim’s command.

2Sa 6:6 (KJV) ¶ And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth *his hand* to the ark of Elohim, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook *it*.

2Sa 6:7 (KJV) And the anger of YAH was kindled against Uzzah; and Elohim smote him there for *his* error; and there he died by the ark of Elohim.

Even though the intention seemed good, it was **not according to Elohim’s instruction**.

4. Saul Offering the Sacrifice

Saul tried to keep the people together when Samuel delayed, so he **performed a sacrifice himself**.

1 Samuel 13:9–13

“And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering.

And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might salute him.

And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash;

Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto YAH: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering.

And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of YAH thy Elohim.”

But sacrifices were for priests.

Samuel rebuked him.

1 Samuel 13:13

1Sa 13:13 (KJV) And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of YAH thy Elohim, which he commanded thee: for now would YAH have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever. Saul tried to force Elohim’s favor through disobedience.

5. David Numbering Israel

David conducted a census, possibly to strengthen the kingdom, but it violated Elohim's will.

2 Samuel 24:1-2

2Sa 24:1 (KJV) ¶ And again the anger of YAH was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah.

2Sa 24:2 (KJV) For the king said to Joab the captain of the host, which was with him, Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and number ye the people, that I may know the number of the people. Later David realized the error.

2 Samuel 24:10

2Sa 24:10 (KJV) ¶ And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto YAH, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take

away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.

6. Peter Rebuking Jesus About the Cross

Peter tried to prevent Jesus from suffering.

Matthew 16:21–22 (KJV)

Mt 16:21 (KJV) ¶ From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

Mt 16:22 (KJV) Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. Jesus corrected him.

Matthew 16:23

Mt 16:23 (KJV) But he turned, and said unto Peter, *Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of Elohim, but those that be of men.*

Peter tried to **prevent Elohim's plan for redemption.**

7. Rebekah and Jacob Deceiving Isaac

Elohim had said the elder would serve the younger.

Genesis 25:23

“The elder shall serve the younger.”

Rebekah tried to **ensure the prophecy happened through deception.**

Genesis 27:6–10

“And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying,

Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before YAH before my death.

Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee.

Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them

savoury meat for thy father, such as he loveth.
And thou shalt bring it to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death.”

Elohim’s promise was true, but the **method was human manipulation.**

8. King Uzziah Entering the Temple

Uzziah attempted to burn incense in the temple.

2 Chronicles 26:16

“But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against YAH his Elohim, and went into the temple of YAH to burn incense upon the altar of incense.”

Only priests were allowed.

Result

He was struck with leprosy.

9. The Disciples Calling Down Fire

James and John wanted to destroy a Samaritan village.

Luke 9:54–55

“And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?
But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.”

Jesus corrected them.

Luke 9:55

“Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.”

They tried to imitate Elijah but misunderstood Elohim's will.

10. Attempt to Build the Tower of Babel

People tried to establish a unified kingdom apart from Elohim.

Genesis 11:4

“And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name.”

This was an attempt to establish human power instead of Elohim’s plan.

Key Biblical Pattern

These examples show a consistent theme:

People often:

- **act ahead of Elohim’s timing**
- **use human methods to accomplish divine promises**
- **assume they know how Elohim should work**

But Scripture repeatedly shows that:

Isaiah 55:8 (KJV)

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith YAH.”

And

Proverbs 19:21

“There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of YAH, that shall stand.”

Summary

Major examples where people attempted to bring about Elohim's will:

1. Abraham & Sarah – Hagar
2. Moses – killing the Egyptian
3. Saul – unauthorized sacrifice
4. Uzzah – touching the ark
5. David – numbering Israel
6. Rebekah & Jacob – deception
7. Peter – opposing the crucifixion
8. Uzziah – temple incense
9. James & John – calling down fire
10. Babel builders – human kingdom

Each of these examples shows **human action attempting to accomplish or control divine purposes.**

YAH Often Delays Fulfillment So Man Cannot Take the Glory

(KJV, literal, precept upon precept)

There is a repeated biblical pattern where YAH **delays, reduces, weakens, or shuts man down** so that when the thing is finally done, **no flesh can boast, no man can claim the credit, and all glory belongs to YAH.**

This pattern appears again and again in Scripture.

1. The Principle: YAH Does Things So Man Cannot Glory

1 Corinthians 1:29

“That no flesh should glory in his presence.”

1 Corinthians 1:31

“That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in YAH.”

Jeremiah 9:23–24

**“Thus saith YAH, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:
But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me.**

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This is the core principle. YAH does not work in a way that leaves room for proud flesh to say:

- “I made it happen.”
- “My wisdom brought this to pass.”
- “My strength accomplished this.”
- “My plan fulfilled Elohim’s will.”

YAH often waits until man is emptied out.

2. Abraham and Sarah Tried to Help YAH — But YAH Refused Flesh’s Shortcut

Genesis 16:2

“And Sarai said unto Abram... go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her.”

This was man trying to bring about the will of Elohim by human arrangement.

But YAH did not let the promise rest on that effort.

Genesis 17:18–19

**“And Abraham said unto Elohim, O that Ishmael might live before thee!
And Elohim said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed...”**

Pattern

YAH rejected the fleshly shortcut, because if He accepted it, man could claim:

- “We found a way.”

- “We solved the problem.”
 - “We fulfilled the promise ourselves.”
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3. Abraham and Sarah — YAH Waited Until the Womb Was Dead

YAH promised Abraham a son, but He did not fulfill it while it still looked naturally possible.

Genesis 16:1–2

“Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar.

And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, YAH hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.”

The result was Ishmael, but he was not the promised son.

Genesis 17:19

“And Elohim said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed...”

But YAH delayed until both Abraham and Sarah were beyond natural child bearing age. i.e. both dead in their reproductive organs.

Romans 4:19

“And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:”

Hebrews 11:11–12

“**Heb 11:11 (KJV)** Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

Heb 11:12 (KJV) Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, *so many* as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

Why did YAH delay?

So that Isaac could not be explained by human strength.

If Isaac had come early, man could say:

- “It was still biologically possible.”
- “Nature did it.”
- “Timing did it.”

But YAH waited until it was humanly dead, so the birth would testify to **promise**, not flesh.

4. Gideon — YAH Reduced the Army So Israel Could Not Boast

This is one of the clearest examples in all Scripture.

Judges 7:2

“And YAH said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me.”

That verse says it plainly.

YAH reduced the army because if the army was large, Israel would say:
“Mine own hand hath saved me.”

So YAH cut them down:

- from 32,000
- to 10,000
- then to 300

Judges 7:7

“And YAH said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you...”

Why?

To make the victory impossible to explain by numbers, training, or military strength.

YAH deliberately chooses weakness when weakness makes His glory unmistakable.

5. The Red Sea — YAH Waited Until Israel Could Not Escape

YAH did not part the Red Sea while Israel still had many options. He let them be trapped.

Exodus 14:10–12

Ex 14:10 (KJV) ¶ And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto YAH.

Ex 14:11 (KJV) And they said unto Moses, Because *there were* no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?

Ex 14:12 (KJV) *Is* not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For *it had been* better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.

They were:

- trapped by the sea
- pursued by Pharaoh
- unable to save themselves

Then YAH spoke.

Exodus 14:13–14

“And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of YAH, which he will shew to you to day.

YAH shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.”

Why this setup?

So no one could say:

- “We outmaneuvered Pharaoh.”
- “We escaped by strategy.”
- “Our own strength delivered us.”

YAH created a situation where only He could save.

6. Lazarus — Messiah Waited Until Death Was Undeniable

Messiah did not rush immediately when Lazarus was sick.

John 11:6

“When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was.”

Then He said plainly:

John 11:14–15

**“Lazarus is dead.
And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe...”**

By the time He arrived:

John 11:39

“Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.”

Why did Messiah delay?

Because if He had come too soon, men could argue:

- “He was not really dead.”
- “He barely revived.”
- “It was only a sickness recovery.”

But four days removed all doubt. The delay made the glory undeniable.

7. Joseph — YAH Let the Dream Wait Through Affliction

Joseph received dreams from YAH, but the fulfillment did not come quickly.

Instead:

- he was hated
- sold
- enslaved
- falsely accused
- imprisoned

Psalm 105:17–19

“He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant:
Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron:
Until the time that his word came: the word of YAH tried him.”

Why the delay?

Because YAH was not only fulfilling the dream; He was proving that the dream would not come by Joseph’s self-exaltation or ambition.

If Joseph had risen too quickly, flesh could boast. Instead YAH brought him low first.

Then when exaltation came, it was plainly YAH’s doing.

8. David — Anointed Early, Crowned Much Later

David was anointed king while Saul still reigned.

1 Samuel 16:13

“Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren...”

But David did not immediately sit on the throne. Instead he endured:

- obscurity
- danger
- exile
- betrayal
- pursuit by Saul

Why? Because YAH would not let David seize the kingdom in the flesh.

David had chances to kill Saul, but he refused.

1 Samuel 24:6

“YAH forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, YAH'S anointed...”

Pattern

The promise was real.

The throne was certain.

But David could not bring it about by carnal grasping.

YAH delayed fulfillment so the kingdom would come by YAH's hand, not by fleshly ambition.

9. Moses — YAH Removed Self-Confidence Before Sending Him

Moses first tried to deliver Israel in his own timing.

Acts 7:25

“For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that Elohim by his hand would deliver them...”

But that attempt failed. Then Moses spent forty years in the wilderness.

When YAH finally called him, Moses was no longer self-assured.

Exodus 4:10

Ex 4:10 (KJV) ¶ And Moses said unto YAH, O my Lord, I *am* not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I *am* slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. Why the delay?

Because the first Moses was still too strong in himself.

The later Moses had been emptied out.

YAH often lets the confident man fail before He uses him, so that the work will be attributed to YAH and not to the flesh.

10. Israel at Jericho — Victory by Obedience, Not Military Logic

Jericho did not fall by siege engines, ladders, or military brilliance.

Joshua 6:2

“And YAH said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho...”

Then YAH gave instructions that would never come from military wisdom:

- march
- blow trumpets
- shout

Joshua 6:20

“So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat.”

Why?

So nobody could say:

- “Our engineering broke the walls.”
- “Our tactics won the city.”

The method itself excluded human boasting.

11. Jehoshaphat — YAH Set the Battle So Judah Would Only Watch

2 Chronicles 20:17

“Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of YAH with you...”

Why?

Again the same pattern:

- no boasting
- no self-credit
- no claim of military skill

YAH wanted the outcome to point directly to Him.

12. Paul — A Thorn So He Would Not Be Exalted

Sometimes YAH even leaves weakness in a man so success cannot be credited to the man himself.

2 Corinthians 12:7

“And lest I should be exalted above measure... there was given to me a thorn in the flesh...”

Then YAH says:

2 Corinthians 12:9

“My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.”

This is a major principle

YAH’s strength shines brightest where man’s strength is humbled.

13. Messiah Himself — The Kingdom Comes Through the Cross, Not Carnal Power

Even in the Messiah, YAH chose a path that destroyed fleshly boasting.

Men expected:

- immediate political rule
- open force
- earthly triumph

Instead came:

- rejection
- suffering
- crucifixion

Philippians 2:8–9

Php 2:8 (KJV) And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Php 2:9 (KJV) Wherefore Elohim also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Exaltation came after humiliation.

That is YAH's pattern.

14. The Repeated Pattern in Scripture

YAH often does one or more of these things:

- delays the promise
- reduces human strength
- allows impossibility
- rejects fleshly shortcuts
- humbles the chosen vessel
- chooses weak means
- waits until hope in the flesh is dead

Why?

So that when fulfillment comes:

- no flesh can boast
- no man can claim credit
- all glory goes to YAH

15. Scriptures That State the Principle Directly

Zechariah 4:6

“Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith YAH of hosts.”

Deuteronomy 8:17–18

“And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.

But thou shalt remember YAH thy Elohim: for it is he that giveth thee power...”

Psalms 20:7

“Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of YAH our Elohim.”

Isaiah 42:8

“I am YAH: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another...”

16. Plain Conclusion

Yes — the Bible repeatedly shows that YAH often delays fulfillment **on purpose** so that the flesh cannot claim the result.

He did it with:

- Abraham and Sarah
- Gideon
- Moses
- Joseph
- David
- Lazarus
- Israel at the Red Sea
- Jericho

- Jehoshaphat
- Paul

The pattern is clear:

When man is strong in himself, he tries to help Elohim.

When YAH fulfills His word, He often first empties man of self-confidence so that the fulfillment will be undeniably His.

Final Exhortation

So when the promise seems delayed, that delay is not always denial.
Sometimes YAH is stripping away everything that would let flesh boast.

He may be waiting until:

- your strength is gone
- your plan fails
- your helpers disappear
- your confidence in the flesh dies

so that when the thing finally comes to pass, you and everyone else will have to say:

Psalm 118:23

“This is YAH'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.”

The servant of YAH must learn:

- to **wait on YAH**
- to **obey YAH**
- to **trust YAH's timing**

Because the will of Elohim is not accomplished by the strength of man.

Zechariah 4:6

“Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith YAH of hosts.”