

1 Kings 17

King James Version (KJV)

17 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. (God is declaring a 3.5 year drought. This is a type for the 3.5 year spiritual drought that would have happened when antichrist appears. Thankfully for us, Jesus shortened that time to 5 months – the season of the locust – May through September) Matthew-24, Mark-13, Revelation-9, Amos-8:11

(By now, there are no righteous people left in Israel. The few that were left had gone to Judah) (Elijah= My God is Yah)

²And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, (God is patient; HE is still trying to make Israel come to their senses and repent. They won't)

³Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. (God is protecting Elijah from the wrath of Ahab, because of the prophecy. Ahab thought that Elijah was making all this happen. He figured that he could end the drought by killing Elijah)

⁴And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there. (This was the first of three miraculous feeding of Elijah by God)

NOTE: (ravens – the Hebrew word is arab; it is possible that God inspired the Arabic peoples to feed Elijah in the wilderness. On the other hand, just as Balaam's ass spoke to him, god may have caused the ravens to bring food just as they do when nesting. Prophets ate locust and honey. Ravens could easily provide both)

⁵So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. (Elijah had great faith in God and obeyed Him) Matthew-17:20

⁶And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook. (God protects those who love Him)

⁷ And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land. (This is about 2-2.5 years into the drought)

⁸ And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

⁹ Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee. (These are the people that Jezebel came from. These are the Phoenicians. God will use this heathen woman to help Elijah, and he will help her in return)

¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

¹¹ And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.

¹² And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. (There is starvation from the drought in this land also) (The woman knows of Yahoveh by her words - As the LORD thy God liveth) (Maybe she thought that this was one last meal for her and her son before they die of starvation)

Amos-8:11 (The famine of the end times will be for hearing the Word of God)

¹³ And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. (Elijah is asking to eat first, and then she and her son can eat. He is asking her for a show of faith)

¹⁴ For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth. (This is the second of three miraculous feedings of Elijah by God. One handful of meal and a bit of olive oil at the bottom of a cruse lasted about one year, until the drought was over)

¹⁵ And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. (She had the faith to believe what Elijah said)

Luke-4:25-26 (Jesus spoke of this widow's faith)

¹⁶ And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.

¹⁷ And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. (breath = spirit. He died)

¹⁸ And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son? (She thinks that her sins have caused God to punish her by taking her son)

¹⁹ And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. See John-9:3

²⁰ And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? (evil = calamity – better translation)

²¹ And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.

²² And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. (He was resurrected from the dead by God)

²³ And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth.

²⁴ And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth. (Elijah was a type for Jesus) (God used this miracle to show the woman that she had done God's work by believing the words that Elijah spoke)

