

# 1 Kings 17

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## The Ravens Feed Elijah

**1**And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said unto Ahab: 'As the LORD, the God of Israel, liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.' **2**And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying: **3**Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before the Jordan. **4**And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.' **5**So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD; for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before the Jordan. **6**And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook. **7**And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

## The Widow of Zarephath

**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 there to sustain thee.' **10**So he arose and went to Zarephath; and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering 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 thy hand.' **12**And she said: 'As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, only a handful of meal in the jar, and a little oil in the 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.' **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 forth unto me, and afterward make for thee and for thy son. **14**For thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: The jar of meal shall not be spent, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the land.' **15**And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah; and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. **16**The jar of meal was not spent, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which He spoke by Elijah.

## Elijah Raises the Widow's Son

**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. **18**And she said unto Elijah: 'What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?' **19**And he said unto her: 'Give me thy son.' And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into the upper chamber, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. **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?' **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 back into him.' <sup>22</sup>And the LORD hearkened unto the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back into him, and he revived. <sup>23</sup>And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the upper chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother; and Elijah said: 'See, thy son liveth.' <sup>24</sup>And the woman said to Elijah: 'Now I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.'