



For Such a Time As This

Elijah Announces a Great Drought

Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe^[a] in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.”

Elijah Fed by Ravens

² Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: ³ “Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴ You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there.”

⁵ So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. ⁶ The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

Elijah and the Widow at Zarephath

⁷ Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. ⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to him: ⁹ “Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.”

¹⁰ So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” ¹¹ As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”

12 “As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”

13 Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son.

14 For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says:
‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of
oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends
rain on the land.’”

¹⁵ She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶ For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

1) Elijah-the Tishbite - 2 places called Tishbi

1st in Gilead - 2nd in Galilee

Elijah was from Gilead described as a "wild and mountainous district "

" Jehovah is my God " --his arrival on the scene

A) when his nation was on the brink of collapse

B) when a protest against the wicked

waywardness was necessary

" God adapts His ministry to circumstances. He sends a nurse to the sick room; a soldier to the battlefield;"

Ahab's 22 year reign over Isreal needed a "strong tower"

Ahab son of Omrii was a new champion for evil

1 Kings 16 : 33 -See the face to face encounter

Right Against Wrong

Purity Against Corruption

Never underestimate one unashamed witness in the
midst of public corruption

2) Facing our "Ahab"

Moral transgression will reap what it sows.

Deut : 11 : 17

Every nation needs to return unto the Lord who abundantly pardons

BUT a forgotten factor in the church today is that we serve o Holy God

Be not deceived God is not mocked for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.

Return while there is still opportunity
God is a longsuffering and patient God

How many righteous men could have saved Sodom and Gomorrah ?

When the storms of the sea raged one man --Paul saved the lives of everyone on board.

A barren tree was saved from becoming kindling because of an interceding husbandman

3) In the World but not of the World

- * A Brook for the Quenching of thirst
- * Ravens for nourishment of the body
- * He leads me beside the still waters
- * He restoreth my soul

-----A Dried up Brook

What does this mean ?

Additional Instructions

Sustenance provided !! And More !

" I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee "