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The Bible is so interesting; even the Old Testament. Remember: when reading the 1st and 2nd Chronicles... we read history and events recorded from the perspective of the 2 tribes of the **Southern Kingdom**, the House of **Judah**;

Prophet Elijah predicts a great drought,

¹ Now Elijah of Tishbi, who was of those who settled in Gilead, said to Ahab, As the LORD, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there will not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

² And the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

³ Go from here, and turn east, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith that is east of Jordan.

⁴ And it will be, that you will drink of the brook; and I have instructed the ravens to feed you there.

⁵ So he went and did according to the word of the LORD: for he went and stayed by the brook Cherith, that is east of the Jordan.

⁶ And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

⁷ And it happened after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

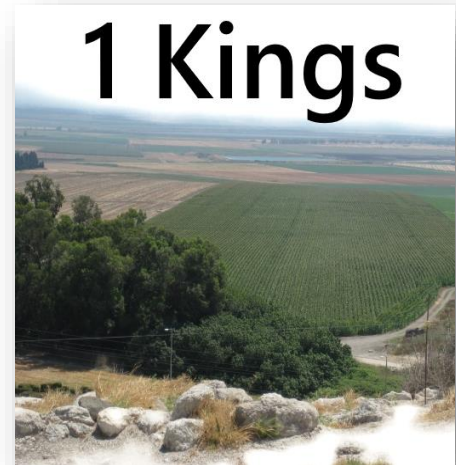
⁸ And the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

⁹ Arise, go to Zaraphath, which belongs to Sidon, and stay there: behold, I have instructed a widow there to sustain you.

¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zaraphath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow was there gathering sticks: and he called to her, and said, Please get me a little water in a jar, that I may drink.

¹¹ And as she was going to Get it, he called to her, and said, Please bring me, a piece of bread in your hand.

¹² And she said, As the LORD your God lives, I have no bread, but a handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a jar: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go and prepare it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die / the woman was at her wits end.



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¹³ And Elijah said to her, Do not fear; go and do as you have said: **but make me a little bread first**, and bring it to me, and after, make one for you and for your son / she was being challenged in her faith, could she trust what the prophet said?

¹⁴ For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, The barrel of flour will not be exhausted, nor will the jar of oil be empty, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.

¹⁵ So she went and did according to the word of Elijah: and she, and he, and her household, ate for many days.

¹⁶ And the barrel of flour was not exhausted, nor did the jar of oil empty, according to the word of the LORD, which He spoke by Elijah.

¹⁷ Now it happened after all this, that the son of the woman, the head of the house, became sick; and his sickness was severe, that there was no breath left in him.

¹⁸ And she said to Elijah, What have I to do with you, O man of God? Did you come to me to remind me of my sin, and to kill my son?

¹⁹ And he said to her, Give me your son. And he took him from her bosom, and carried him to the upper room, where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed.

²⁰ And he cried to the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, have You also brought this tragedy on this widow with whom I am staying, by causing her son to die?

²¹ And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried to the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, Please, let the soul of this child come again to him.

²² And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came again to him, and he revived.

²³ And Elijah took the child, and brought him down from the upper room in the house, and delivered him to his mother: and Elijah said, See, your son lives.

²⁴ And the woman said to Elijah, Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD that you speak is truth.

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