



## Introduction

*We are introduced to the prophet Elijah. He prophesied in the northern part of the divided kingdom in the reign of king Ahab.*



## Questions

1. What did Elijah tell Ahab?
2. What did the ravens bring Elijah to eat?
3. What did Elijah promise about how the widow would be fed during the drought?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 7** After Elijah (see theme) warns king Ahab of a future drought, God tells him to go to the brook Cherith, where he will be fed by ravens. Eventually the brook dries up
- **v 8 to 16** Elijah is sent to Zarephath (see map) to stay with a widow who will feed him. She feeds him with the last from a jar of meal and a little oil. These then miraculously last until the end of the drought
- **v 17 to 24** Elijah brings the widow's dead son back to life and she acknowledges that Elijah is a man of God

**Timeline** 970 BC (see below)



## Theme / Information

### Bible characters - Elijah

*A selection of verses about one of the great prophets of Israel during the time they were ruled by kings like the evil Ahab – about 800 BC.*

We first meet Elijah when he tells king Ahab to expect a serious drought:

*1 Kings 17 verse 1*

In a prolonged famine situation caused by the drought Elijah is fed by ravens:

*1 Kings 17 verse 6*

Later he and a widow are fed miraculously with a supply of meal and oil:

*1 Kings 17 verses 14 and 15*

The widow's son dies and is brought to life again by Elijah:

*1 Kings 17 verse 22*

Elijah's major triumph is against the worshippers of the god Baal:

*1 Kings 18 verses 38 to 40*

After the prophets of Baal are destroyed, king Ahab's evil wife Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah:

*1 Kings 19 verses 1 to 3*

After Jezebel's threats, Elijah is deeply depressed, but is encouraged by God that he still has important work to do:

*1 Kings 19 verses 15 and 16*



**Israel in the time of the kings**

Map showing some places mentioned in the time of the kings of Israel including Zarephath. A question mark after a place name indicates that the exact location is not certain:



**? Answers to questions**

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 1, Q 2: v 6, Q 3: v 14



# Bible timeline

