Understand your Bible reading plan





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:

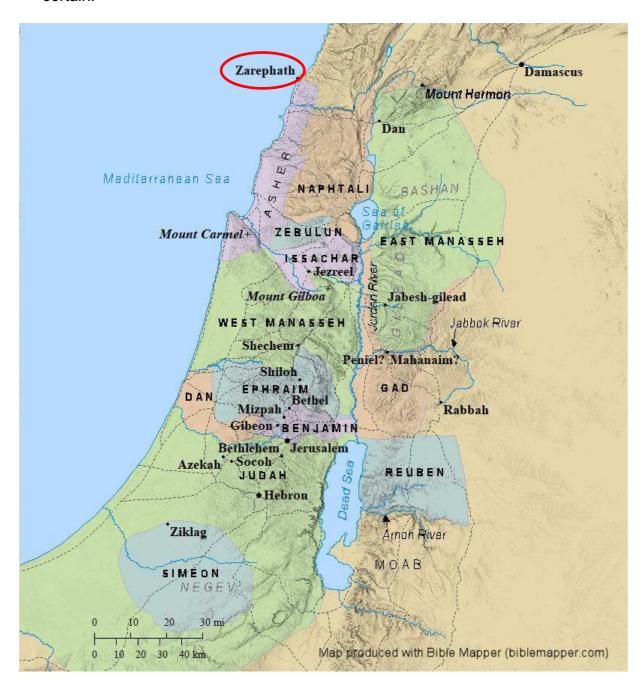
1 Kings 19 verses 15 and 16

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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

