



Yahweh's Hidden Provisions

Scriptural Passage: 1 Kings 17 KJV

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

And the Word of the LORD came unto him, saying, **Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.**

So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, **behold, the widow woman** was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, **fetch** me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel that I may drink. And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, **bring** me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. **And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a 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.**

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 unto me** and after make for thee and for thy son. **For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, the barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the Word of the LORD, which He spake by Elijah.**

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.
(Deuteronomy 28:1-2) KJV

Another Miracle

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. And she said unto Elijah, what have I to do with thee, **O thou man of God? Art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?** And he said unto her, give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

O thou man of God? Art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?

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? 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 into him again. And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother; and **Elijah said, see, thy son liveth.** And the woman said to Elijah, now by this I know that thou art a man of God, **and that the Word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.**

Questions & Answers

Who is Elijah? **Elijah is a prophet of Yahweh/LORD (Sacred Name of the Creator of Heaven and Earth)**

Who was Ahab?

Ahab was a wicked king of Israel: And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began **Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel:** and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years. **And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him.** And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that:

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14) KJV

He took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal (idol), and worshipped him.

He reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

Ahab made a grove (see Ezekiel 20:28)

Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him (1 Kings 16:29-33) KJV

What were Elijah's prophetic messages?

Prophetic Message Number 1

And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

Was Elijah just saying something? No

According to Deuteronomy 28, there are blessings and curses. If the children of Israel were obedient to Yahweh, then all the blessings recorded in Deuteronomy 28 would overtake and cleave to them. If the Israelites were disobedient to Yahweh then the curses recorded in Deuteronomy would come on the Israelites and overtake them. Wow!

What is the key to blessings? Obedience!

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Why were Elijah's prophetic messages profound?

Elijah's prophetic messages were based upon the Word of Yahweh.

Where and to whom was Elijah sent for daily provisions?

Firstly, Elijah was sent by the brook Cherith that is before Jordan. After the brook dried up because there was a lack of rain, Elijah was sent to "Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee".

After reaching Zarephath, Elijah found the widow and requested that she bring him some water, and then he requested a cake (a cake of bread), which the widow explained that she was preparing the last of the grain for a meal with her son. This widow was depleted of means to support Elijah.

Were the widow's depleted means a problem for Elijah? No! Why?

Prophetic message Number 2

For thus saith the LORD God of Israel: The barrel of meal shall not waste neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the Word of the LORD, which He spake by Elijah.

Question

Is anything too hard for Yahweh?



If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land (Isaiah 1:19) KJV