

## **I Kings 17 and 18**

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### **· 1 Kings 17**

- 1 Kings 17:1      Elijah – powerfully talked to King Ahab  
2-6      the Lord told Elijah to hide by the brook – to drink from the brook and to receive food from the ravens  
7      no rain = the brook dried up  
8-9      the Lord told Elijah to go to Zarephath – to see a widow  
10-11      Elijah asked the widow water & a morsel of bread  
12      the widow explained that she did not have bread – she had only a handful of flour and a little oil in a jar – she was gathering sticks to prepare food for herself  
13-16      Elijah told her to make a small cake for him first – she would have enough  
17-24      Elijah revived the widow's son

### **· 1 Kings 18**

- 1 Kings 18:1-2      Lord told Elijah that He would end the drought – Elijah went toward Ahab  
3-6      Ahab and Obadiah went searching for water  
7-16      Elijah saw Obadiah – and sent Obadiah to Ahab  
17      Ahab asked – Is that you, Oh troubler of Israel?  
18-19      Elijah – gather the 450 prophets of Baal & the 400 prophets of Asherah (who eat at Jezebel's table)  
20-21      gathering at Mount Carmel – “if the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him”  
22-24      Elijah vs. 450 prophets of Baal  
25-26      the prophets of Baal went first  
27      Elijah mocked – meditating, busy [implying toilet?], on a journey, sleeping  
28-29      the prophets of Baal cut themselves  
30-35      Elijah repaired the broken altar – asked for water 3 times  
36-37      Elijah prayed  
38-39      fire from the Lord  
40      executed the prophets of Baal  
41-44      sound of rain  
45      clouds, wind and a heavy rain  
46      the hand of the Lord came upon Elijah

## 1 Kings 19:1-18

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1 Kings 18:46            the hand of the Lord came upon Elijah  
1 Kings 19:1-2        when Ahab told Jezebel how Elijah executed all the prophets with a  
                             sword, she threatened him  
                             3            Elijah ran for his life – to Beersheba  
                             4            he went a day's journey into the wilderness – "It is enough! Now,  
                             Lord,  
                             take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!"

- Why did Jezebel's threat affect Elijah?  
Didn't Elijah have a relationship with God? – Wasn't Elijah God's messenger?  
True – Elijah had just successfully confronted Ahab and false prophets  
Was Jezebel's threat worse than confrontation with hundreds of false prophets?  
The threat surely didn't seem as overwhelming or as ominous  
The difference was Elijah's perspective  
Elijah was exhausted from the stress (even positive stress) from the confrontation  
Elijah's body, mind and emotions relaxed

1. God gave Elijah physical help  
1 Kings 19:5-6        an angel gave Elijah food & drink – Elijah went to sleep  
                             7            an angel woke Elijah – instructed him to eat before a trip
2. God gave Elijah emotional help  
1 Kings 19:8            he walked for 40 days – (to location not needing 40 days)
3. God heard Elijah's complaint  
1 Kings 19:9            God asked – why are you here?  
                             10            Elijah complained
4. God reminded Elijah the various ways He deals with people  
1 Kings 19:11-12      strong wind – earthquake – fire – a still small voice
5. God heard Elijah's complaint again  
1 Kings 19:13-14      God asked – why are you here?  
                             10            Elijah complained
6. God gave Elijah projects to do  
1 Kings 19:15-17      go to Damascus and complete 3 tasks  
                                 1 – appoint Hazael to be king of Syria  
                                 2 – appoint Jehu to be king of Israel  
                                 3 – appoint Elisha as prophet in your place
7. God reminded Elijah to see the big picture  
1 Kings 19:18            there were 7,000 other people who resisted Baal