

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE BROOK DRIES UP?

Preparing for the End

The prudent sees the evil and hides himself,
But the naive go on and are punished for it.

Proverbs 22:3

GOD SAID IT, I BELIEVE IT, THAT SETTLES IT:

The prophetic word of Elijah to Ahab:

Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither (what) dew nor rain (how long) these years, (until when) except by my word." 1 Kings 17:1

The promise of supernatural provision from God to Elijah:

The word of the LORD came to him, saying, "Go away from here and turn eastward, and (what) hide yourself (where) by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan."

Implied Question: I will obey you, but how will I survive?

"It shall be that you will (what) drink of the brook, and (God's direction) I have commanded (what) the ravens to (what) provide for you (where) there." 1 Kings 17:2-4

Couple of Questions:

What do you think Elijah's expectations were regarding God's ability to meet his physical needs?

Do you think Elijah ever questioned why he was sent into hiding and not used to bring revival to the land of Israel?

Why do you think God commanded *ravens* (unclean birds) to bring Elijah food each day?

During the years of the drought, do you think Elijah ever thought he would personally experience its horrible effects?

Do you think Elijah was aware of the suffering and death caused by the drought that came at his word?

Elijah's obedience and God's provision:

So (obedience) he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and lived by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. The ravens brought him (God's provision) bread and meat (when) in the morning and bread and meat (when) in the evening, and he would drink from the brook. 1 Kings 17:5-6

DON'T WORRY, GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF ME:

The seemingly unfaithfulness of God:

It happened after a while that (what) the brook dried up, (why) because there was no rain in the land. 1 Kings 17:7

The importance of the word, *then*:

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying... 1 Kings 17:8

SEVEN YEARS OF FAMINE:

The interpretation of Pharaoh's dream:

Now Joseph said to Pharaoh, "Pharaoh's dreams are (what) one and the same; (meaning) God has told to Pharaoh what He is about to do."

"The seven good cows are (what) seven years; and the seven good ears are (what) seven years; the dreams are (again) one and the same."

"The seven lean and ugly cows that came up (when) after them are (what) seven years, and the seven thin ears scorched by the east wind will be (what) seven years of famine."

"It is as I have spoken to Pharaoh: God has shown to Pharaoh what He is about to do. Genesis 41:25-28

The application of Joseph's interpretation:

"Behold, seven years of (what) great abundance are coming in all the land of Egypt; and (when) after them seven years of (what) famine will come, and all the abundance will be (what) forgotten in the land of Egypt, and (why) the famine will ravage the land."

"So the abundance will be unknown in the land (why) because of that subsequent famine; for it will be very severe."

"Now as for the repeating of the dream to Pharaoh twice, it means that the matter is (what) determined by God, and God will quickly bring it about. Genesis 41:29-32