

**CHALLENGES DURING THE CRISIS IN ISRAEL**  
(1 Kings 17:2-24)

**I. The Contest**

**A. The Declaration by Elijah (17:1)** ... King Ahab, there shall not be \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_ these years, except at my \_\_\_\_\_."

**B. The Situation in Israel...**

**II. The Challenges During The Crisis (17:2-24)**

**A. Elijah's Developed At Cherith (17:2-7)**

1. During this time of drought, God would \_\_\_\_\_ Elijah, as well as, \_\_\_\_\_ for him through the \_\_\_\_\_ of the brook & through a miracle \_\_\_\_\_ by ravens!
2. There were \_\_\_\_ droughts in Israel: one \_\_\_\_\_, that would affect the physical world & the food production within the nation, but also one \_\_\_\_\_, that would create an absence of God's life giving word to a nation in desperate need of God's truth & direction.

**B. Elijah Sustained At Zarephath (17:8-16)**

1. God's word \_\_\_\_\_ Elijah to Zarephath, a city in Sidon, \_\_\_\_\_ home land! (17:8-9a)
2. There God had commanded a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ for Elijah's needs (17:9b)

- Why was this so amazing?
- Why was this gentile starving widow chosen for this task?
- How would she be able to meet his needs?
- How would Elijah know who the right widow was?

3. First Elijah \_\_\_\_\_ her not to \_\_\_\_\_ in making a cake for him \_\_\_\_\_, for he promises her that there will be \_\_\_\_\_ left for her & her son to eat as well.

4. Then he assures her that the \_\_\_\_\_ promises that He would \_\_\_\_\_ flour & oil until the day the \_\_\_\_\_ would come on the earth again!

- Now, did she have faith to believe this? (17:15)

5. God's promise was \_\_\_\_\_ as they all \_\_\_\_\_ for many days! (17:16)

6. When God promises, He \_\_\_\_\_!

7. She & her household were nourished \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ because she walked by \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God!

### **C. Elijah And The Situation With the Widow's Son (17:17-19)**

3. The son of the widow became \_\_\_\_\_ so that he eventually \_\_\_\_\_!

- When sudden difficulty or calamity befalls us what comes out of us?

4. Elijah wisely turned to the \_\_\_\_\_ in this difficult situation!

### **D. Elijah's Power At the Throne of Grace (17:20-24)**

1. Elijah knew the \_\_\_\_\_ of an effective persistent prayer life at the \_\_\_\_\_ of Grace! (Hebrews 4:16; James 5:15; 1 Peter 3:12)

2. Lord \_\_\_\_\_ the prayer of Elijah and the child \_\_\_\_\_!

3. Through this difficult situation, Elijah and the widow both gave God the \_\_\_\_\_ due his name!

- How was this demonstrated?

- What have we learned from our study this morning?