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#3, more miracles! – I Kings 17:17-18:4

1 Kings 17:14–16, "For thus says the Lord God of Israel, 'The bowl of flour shall not be exhausted, nor shall the jar of oil be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth.'" 15 So she went and did according to the word of Elijah, and she and he and her household ate for many days. 16 The bowl of flour was not exhausted nor did the jar of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke through Elijah.

I mean really Lord, what's happening? Things were going so well and now this? It's been just like you said. The widow, her son and I have had plenty to eat and the food was not running low. No one has come looking for me so this must be a secure place. The neighbors are not hassling us. I just want to rest awhile. You know, have a little time to myself, . . . free from problems. I get the feeling you are expecting me to do more than I know I can do!

17 Now it came about after these things that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became sick; and his sickness was so severe that there was no breath left in him.

18 So she said to Elijah, " What do I have to do with you, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my iniquity to remembrance and to put my son to death!"

[1.] v:17-18, So she said to Elijah, " What do I have to do with you, (What do you have against me? niv) Write down the next two things of which she accused Elijah

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[2.] v:18, Remind me again, why was Elijah in Zarephath?

[3.] v:18, Reviewing the facts, why or why don't you think the widow accurately assessed the truth of the event? (and don't say, because she was a girl!)

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19 He said to her, "Give me your son." Then he took him from her bosom and carried him up to the upper room where he was living, and laid him on his own bed.

20 He called to the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, have You also brought calamity to the widow with whom I am staying, by causing her son to die?"

calamity, *OT:7489 (*raw-ah'*); a primitive root; properly, to spoil (literally, by breaking to pieces); figuratively, to make (or be) good for nothing, i.e. bad (physically, socially or morally):

[4.] v:20, have You also brought calamity, Explain what Elijah meant by asking this?

[5.] v:20 again, If God brings some unanticipated thing into our lives and we as Christians become angry with Him, what's usually our problem?

[6.] v:21-22, What could stretched himself upon the child three times possibly accomplish?

[7.] Looking at I Peter 3:12, whose prayer does the Lord hear?

21 Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and called to the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, I pray You, let this child's life return to him." 22 The Lord heard the voice of Elijah, and the life of the child returned to him and he revived.

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23 Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house and gave him to his mother; and Elijah said, "See, your son is alive."

24 Then the woman said to Elijah, " Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."

I Kings 18:1 Now it happened after many days that the word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, saying, "Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the face of the earth." 2 So Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. Now the famine was severe in Samaria.

3 Ahab called Obadiah who was over the household. (Now Obadiah feared the Lord greatly; 4 for when Jezebel destroyed the prophets of the Lord, Obadiah took a hundred prophets and hid them by fifties in a cave, and provided them with bread and water.)

[8.] v:23, See, your son is alive, How could this incident be a cause for pride in Elijah?

[9.] v:24, We know that God really doesn't need us to accomplish his purpose, so why does He use us?

[10.] v:24 again, You make the call! Do you think the widow knew the real identity of her son's healer?

[11.] Reviewing the miracles so far, in our study of Elijah, who caused them to happen?

[12.] I Ki 18:1, Go, show yourself to Ahab, Draw a line on your map (pg#4) of Elijah's probable route.

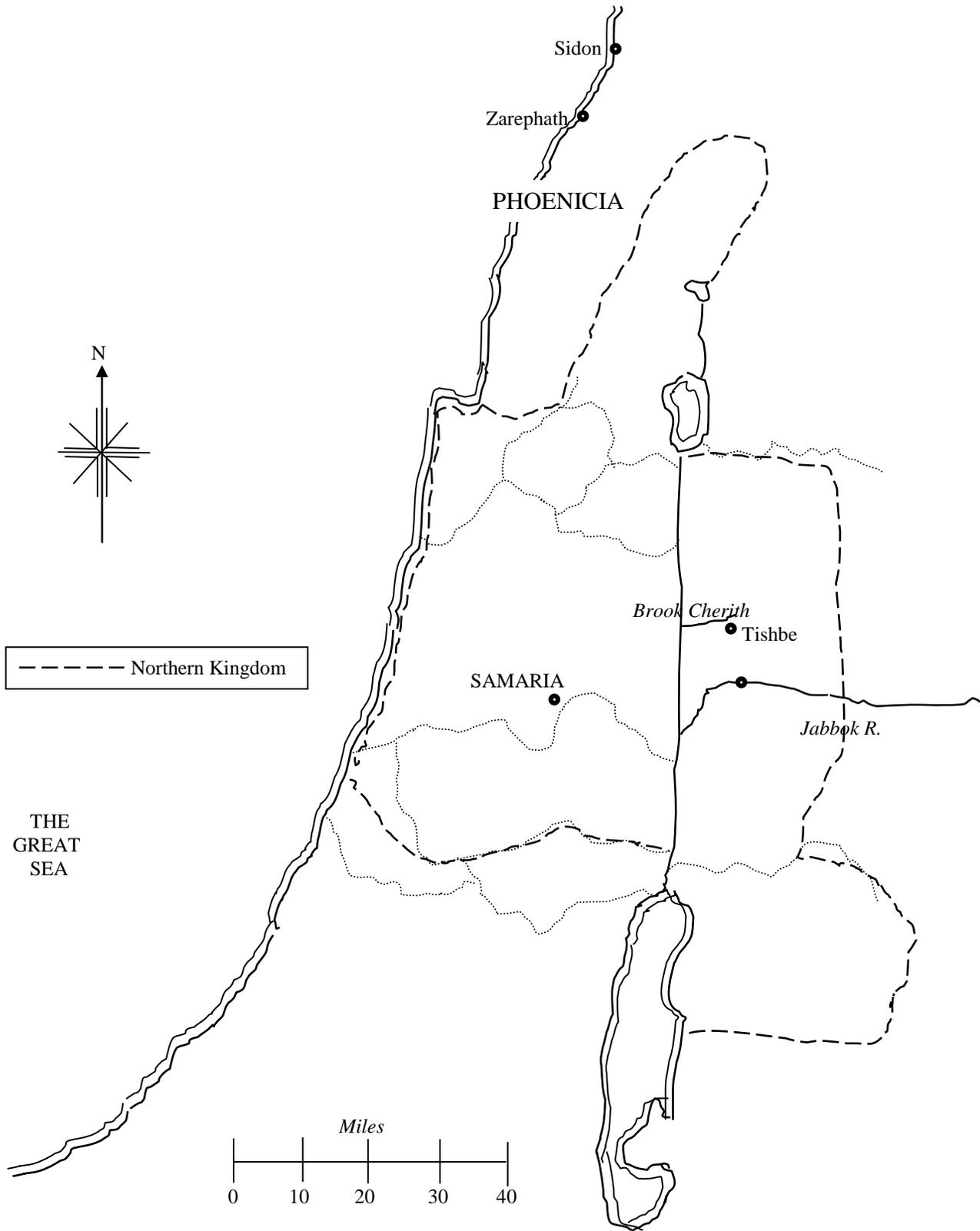
[13.] v:1 again, So what caused Elijah to finally leave Zarephath?

[14.] v:1-2, So are we to assume that when Elijah moved on, that the Zarephath widow and her son starved?

[15.] v:3, Obadiah who was over the household, Can you think of other examples where God fearing men were in a scenario with the wicked?

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fear, *one word made up of three words.

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self to exist reverent

to be always personally reverent to God.

fear, *OT6342, alarmed, startled or fear in general.

We're still on v:3-4,

[16.] v:3-4, Obadiah feared the Lord greatly, Fill in the blank. Obadiah's fear of the Lord was greater than his fear of: _____

[17.] xtra credit. We live in a world where even frightened Christians "walk in the counsel of the ungodly". So what councils do they follow?

[18.] Ps 56:4, 11 & 118:6, What was David's firm foundation?

[19.] back to I Ki 18:4, Jezebel destroyed the prophets of the Lord, So who is this Jezebel any way?

[20.] v:4 again, destroyed the prophets, What did she do? Was it like discrediting them or what?

[21] v:4 again, provided them with bread and water, How many times would Obadiah have to "put it all on the line" to accomplish this?

* New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary