

1 Kings 17: 1-24

Elijah from Tishbe



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

The text – 1 Kings 17:1-24

1. Read 1 Kings 17:1-24. Elijah is introduced suddenly in 17:1. What is unusual about this introduction? He is from Tishbe. This is the only verse in the entire Bible which mentions Tishbe.
2. He is speaking to Israel's king Ahab. What do you know about Ahab? Read 1 Kings 16:29-33.
3. What does Elijah tell King Ahab in 17:1? (Ahab worships Baal, among other gods. Baal is the lord of storms, lightning, rain etc.) Why are Elijah's words so important in the light of widespread Baal worship in the northern kingdom of Israel?
4. What power does the LORD display as he cares for Elijah in 17:2-7?
5. In 17:8 ff. Elijah is in Zarephath. Where is Zarephath? Why is its location significant?
6. What does the LORD promise in 17:14? What does this display about the power of God?
7. In 17:17-24, the widow's son is brought back to life. What does this Phoenician widow come to know at the end of the passage?

The Scriptures – 1 Kings 17:1-24 as a portion of the Scriptures

8. What Elijah says and does is very much determined by God's covenant with Israel and the promises given to Moses at Mount Sinai. Read what the LORD promised in Deuteronomy 11:16-17.
9. Jesus speaks about 1 Kings 17:8 ff. in Luke 4:24-26. What is the main point Jesus is making?
10. Elijah appears on the Mount of Transfiguration in Matthew 17:1-8. How is this possible? Why does Elijah appear?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to 1 Kings 17:1-24 as a portion of the Scriptures

11. The stories that are told in Kings are wondrous and challenging. What is your response to them?
12. Does God still work miracles in our times and places? What do you expect of God when you pray? How does God show his power in our times and places?