

## Days of Elijah

<sup>1</sup> Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." <sup>2</sup> And the word of the LORD came to him, <sup>3</sup> "Depart from here and turn eastward and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. <sup>4</sup> You shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." <sup>5</sup> So he went and did according to the word of the LORD. He went and lived by the brook Cherith that is east of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup> And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. <sup>7</sup> And after a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land. **1 Kings 17:1-7 (ESV)**

Read also **1 Kings 17:8-24**.

Many when they think about the ‘Days of Elijah’, think of the verses in Malachi “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup> And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.” **Mal 4:5-6 (ESV)**

People also think about the great signs and wonders as recorded in 1 Kgs 17:8-24 & ch. 18 also, but what about what we read in chapter 17?.....

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Elijah’s first words were to in fact proclaim a drought, one that would even affect him. After this, he then headed off under the Lord’s direction to his wilderness that in fact prepare him for what took place as recorded in the latter verses of ch.17 and then ch.18.

Do we see this today? What are your thoughts?

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Read and discuss also – **Amos 8:11-12**. How does this relate?

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Finally read **Prov.29:18** and see the cross reference to **Ex.32:25**.

A paraphrase translation of Prov.29:18 reads:

*“Where there is no word of the Lord, the people do what is right in their own eyes; but blessed is the one who walks in the ways of the Lord”.*

See how this relates to what happens to the Israelites in Ex.32.

What does this say to you personally today? .....

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What have you learnt from this study? .....

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