

Elijah and the Ravens

Elijah was a great prophet, or spokesman, of God. He told the people of Israel that they were not worshipping the true God, but Ahab their king opposed him in every thing that he did. He wanted the people to follow him in worshipping a false god.

God was angry that the people didn't respond to his message from Elijah, and He sent Elijah to tell Ahab that for three years and a half there would be no rain in the land of Israel.

As soon as Elijah had announced that the drought would happen, God had him hide himself from Ahab in a certain place near a small creek, where He had commanded the ravens to feed him.

So Elijah he went and lived by the brook, which gave him water to drink, while the ravens that God sent brought him food morning and evening. But, since it quit raining, the creek finally dried up.

God then told Eliljah to leave his present hiding-place, and go to a place where a widow lived. When he came to the gate of the city, he saw the woman gathering sticks. He asked her to give him some water to drink and a piece of bread.

The poor woman told him that she had no bread. All that she had was a handful of meal in a barrel and a little oil in a bottle, and she had just been gathering wood to cook it for herself and her son. She thought that it would be their last meal, and that they would starve.

Elijah asked her do as she had said, but to make them some bread. He told her that God would make sure that her meal and oil to last till the famine should be at an end.

So the woman did what he said and they were all fed from the flour and oil God supplied until the day when God sent rain upon the earth again.