

Lesson 12 January 29, 2025

# Who IS That Woman?

Women in the Bible who got it right and those who didn't

## Widow of Zarephath

1 Kings 17

1. In 922 BC Israel had split into two nations: a **northern kingdom called** \_\_\_\_\_, and a **southern kingdom called** \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Nearly 50 years later (874 BC), \_\_\_\_\_ became the king of the Israel (northern kingdom) - **worst king** they had ever had because he led the country to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. He had married a **pagan princess** named \_\_\_\_\_ from **Tire**. She brought her **religion** with her, one that worshiped the false god \_\_\_\_\_ - a highly sexual perverted religion. Ahab allowed her to **introduce and encourage** Baal worship in Israel. "Ahab did more to provoke the LORD the God of Israel to anger than did all the kings of Israel before him." (1 Kings 16:33).
3. Ten years later (863 BC), the LORD raised up a prophet named \_\_\_\_\_ to warn **King Ahab** about impending \_\_\_\_\_ because he had **led the people of Israel astray**.
4. Based on his belief in the \_\_\_\_\_ and his **determination to expose the impotent god Baal**, the prophet Elijah **audaciously informed** Ahab that there would be \_\_\_\_\_. A **drought and famine** would be the result (1 Kings 17:1).
5. Knowing that Elijah **would not be safe**, the LORD told him to leave and go **across the Jordan River** where all his **basic needs** would be met supernaturally - \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 2-6).
6. Later, the brook dried up and the LORD told Elijah to leave Israel and go to \_\_\_\_\_, a Gentile town on the Mediterranean coast between **Tire and Sidon**, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Baal worship. There Elijah would meet a \_\_\_\_\_ who would provide for him (vv. 7-9).

7. Just as the LORD had said, when Elijah entered Zarephath, he encountered a **widow** who was gathering sticks to cook \_\_\_\_\_ for **her and her son**. Elijah asked her for bread, but she quickly \_\_\_\_\_ saying she **did not have enough flour and oil to make a loaf for him** (vv. 10-12).
8. Elijah asked her to bake a loaf for him \_\_\_\_\_, assuring her there would be \_\_\_\_\_ flour and oil left to make bread for her and her son. In fact, Elijah quoted the LORD, the God of Israel, saying "The jar of flour \_\_\_\_\_ and the jug of oil \_\_\_\_\_ until the day the LORD gives rain on the land." It happened just as Elijah said (vv. 13-16).
9. Sometime later, the woman's son became \_\_\_\_\_. She \_\_\_\_\_. She \_\_\_\_\_ and was overwhelmed by guilt (vv. 17-18).
10. Elijah was baffled. He took the child to the \_\_\_\_\_ where he was staying and \_\_\_\_\_ to bring the widow's son back to life (vv. 19-21).
11. The LORD heard and answered Elijah's plea for \_\_\_\_\_. Elijah carried the boy to his mother, exclaiming, "Look, your son is alive!" (vv. 22-23).
12. As a result of these two miracles, the widow \_\_\_\_\_ in the LORD, the God of Israel. As for Elijah, he had seen the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD in the **heart of Baal country**, and it gave him \_\_\_\_\_ to go back and **contend with Jezebel and her prophets of Baal in Israel** (v. 24).

## What can I learn from the widow of Zarephath?



God often uses \_\_\_\_\_ to meet my needs.



"Do not neglect to show \_\_\_\_\_ to strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:2



In retrospect, I can see how God often \_\_\_\_\_ in advance so I could later \_\_\_\_\_.

### **HOMEWORK**

**Song:** \_\_\_\_\_ **By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Review:** 1 Kings 17 and look for additional lessons you may learn from the widow

**Homework:** Jezebel – 1 Kings 18, 19, 21