

James 5:16–17 (JBP)

Tremendous power is made available through a good man's earnest prayer. ¹⁷ Do you remember Elijah? He was a man like us but he prayed earnestly that it should not rain...

James 5:17-18 (JBP)

¹⁷ ...In fact, not a drop fell on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, the heavens gave the rain and the earth sprouted with vegetation as usual.

Deuteronomy 11:16 (NLT)

¹⁶ “But be careful. Don’t let your heart be deceived so that you turn away from the LORD and serve and worship other gods.

Deuteronomy 11:17 (NLT)

¹⁷ If you do, the LORD's anger will burn against you. He will shut up the sky and hold back the rain, and the ground will fail to produce its harvests. Then you will quickly die in that good land the LORD is giving you.

Praying for God's JUDGMENT

1 Kings 17:1-24

The Role of **PROPHETS** was to...

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- **SPEAK** out For God
- be Covenant **WATCHDOGS**
- Point out **IDOLATRY** and **INJUSTICE**

- Challenge Israel to **REPENT** and **FOLLOW** God
- Remind Israel they were to be the **LIGHT** to the Nations

Elijah served from around **875 - 855 BC**

ELIJAH- his name means **MY God is YAHWEH**

LORD- YAHWEH the proper Name of the God of Israel

The Divided Kingdom (1 Kings 12–2 Kings 17)





James 5:16-17 (NIV)

¹⁶...The prayer of a **RIGHTEOUS** man is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man just like us. **He prayed earnestly that it would not rain,** and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.

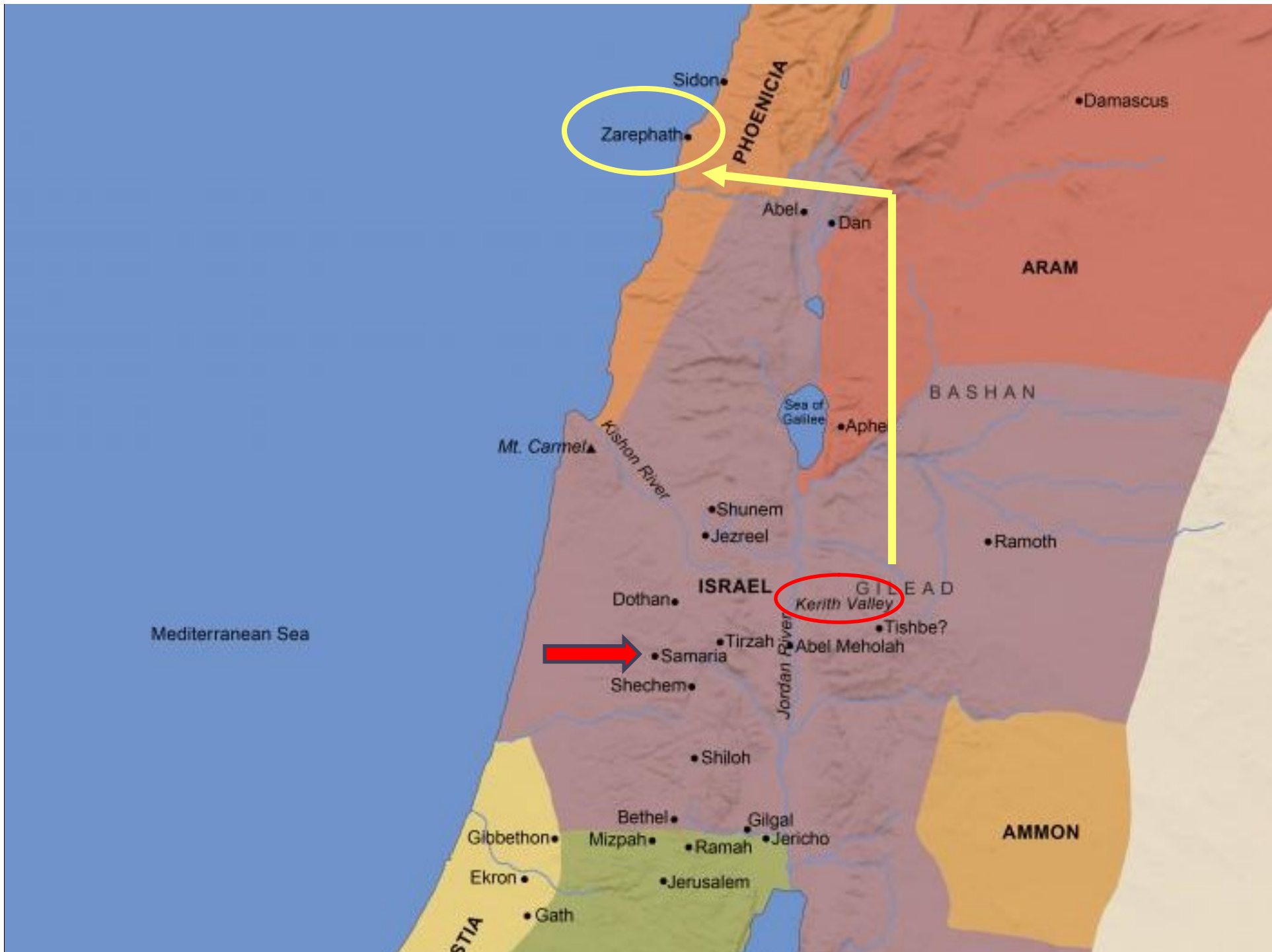
Deuteronomy 11:17 (NIV)

...the **LORD's** anger will burn against you, and
He will SHUT the HEAVENS so that it will **NOT**
RAIN and the **ground will yield no produce...**

Elijah's PAYER

- he wanted to **WALK WITH** with God
- he Prayed **EARNESTLY**
- he prayed **EXPECTANTLY**

- he prayed **PERSISTENTLY** he never **QUIT**
- Willing to be **PART** of the answer



¹⁵ **She went away and DID as Elijah had told her.**
So there was food every day...

¹⁶ For the jar of **FLOUR** was **NOT used up** and
the jug of **OIL** did **NOT run dry**

She had been called to risk her last meal and
to **TRUST** the promise of a "foreign God."

But **she went away and DID** as

Elijah had told her. HOTC

God was consistently faithful, meeting the **need just in time every day**. The widow and her son and Elijah were **forced to RELY** on **the PROVIDER**, NOT the **provision**.

In the process **God revealed that He alone,**
and NOT Baal, was the
Sovereign Lord of ALL. HOTC

In the heart of **Baal** territory, **God had Displayed**
His unsurpassed POWER. HOTC

² Then **the Word of the LORD** came to Elijah:
³ **Leave here**, turn eastward and **HIDE** in the
Kerith Ravine, East of the Jordan. ⁴ You will drink
from the brook, and I have ordered the
ravens to feed you...

⁹ **Go at ONCE** to Zarephath of Sidon and **STAY THERE**. I have commanded a **widow** in that place to **supply you with food**.

One Day at a Time - **DEPENDING**
on God's Strength.

It was a place of **Total DEPENDENCE** upon **God**,
and the Lord demonstrated **His SUFFICIENCY**
by providing food and water for Elijah. HOTC