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## Rebellion 1 Kings 17:1-16 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will start a new series on Elijah. We will be looking at the end of 1 Kings which contains the bulk of the accounts of Elijah. Elijah lived during the reign of Ahab who was an exceedingly evil king. God sends Elijah to tell Ahab of the coming punishment of the Lord. We currently live in a nation that has become more and more hostile to the Word of God. There is a great deal that we can learn from the account of Elijah and the way God deals with their rebellion. Join us this week as we look at how God interacts with His people and grow with us as we learn to seek Him above all else.

"Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the Kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the Kingdom of heaven"

Matthew 5:19

## Elijah Predicts Drought

**17** Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." <sup>2</sup> The word of the LORD came to him, saying, <sup>3</sup> "Go away from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. <sup>4</sup> It shall be that you will drink of the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to provide for you there." <sup>5</sup> So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and lived by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup> The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he would drink from the brook. <sup>7</sup> It happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

<sup>8</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, <sup>9</sup> "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and stay there; behold, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you." <sup>10</sup> So he arose and went to Zarephath, and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a

widow was there gathering sticks; and he called to her and said, "Please get me a little water in a jar, that I may drink." <sup>11</sup> As she was going to get *it*, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a piece of bread in your hand." <sup>12</sup> But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have no bread, only a handful of flour in the bowl and a little oil in the jar; and behold, I am gathering a few sticks that I may go in and prepare for me and my son, that we may eat it and die." <sup>13</sup> Then Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go, do as you have said, but make me a little bread cake from it first and bring *it* out to me, and afterward you may make *one* for yourself and for your son." <sup>14</sup> For thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'The bowl of flour shall not be exhausted, nor shall the jar of oil be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain on the face of the earth.'" <sup>15</sup> So she went and did according to the word of Elijah, and she and he and her household ate for *many* days. <sup>16</sup> The bowl of flour was not exhausted nor did the jar of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke through Elijah.

**o EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

**2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)  
**What does God MEAN?**

8. Why does Elijah predict the drought?

9. Why does God send the drought?

10. Why does God send Elijah away?

11. How is Elijah provided for?

12. Why do you think the widow was willing to give food to Elijah? Why do you think Elijah told her to make bread for himself first?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

13. God punishes Israel for its rebellion. Do you think God will punish the US for our rebellion?  
Why or why not?

14. How has the US rebelled? We may think that the list is too long. Repentance starts with identifying our rebellion so let us make a long list.

15. How do you know if the punishment is from God?

16. Have you heard any religious leaders pointing out the rebellion of the US? Can you see the rebellion when you compare our society the teaching in Scripture?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

*Sermon Notes*