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Prophet of God





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Where?

Can you find where these stories took place?

? Look on the story pages for the question mark ... and then look for the places on this map.

Elijah had to go about 85 miles, or 140 km, to get to Zarephath—several days walking ... during a drought (a time when there is little to eat or drink).

The Great Sea
(Mediterranean Sea)

Map

ISRAEL

JUDAH

PHOENICIA



After Solomon, the kingdom split into two parts. The events in this book mostly took place in the northern kingdom of Israel.

Who was Elijah?

Elijah came from a small place called Tishbe in a part of Israel called Gilead. This is why he is called 'Elijah the Tishbite.'

He was a prophet. A prophet is someone who God used in Bible times to tell people what God wanted them to know. Today God doesn't send prophets because he speaks to us through the Bible, the Word of God.

Fact file

DID YOU KNOW?

Elijah means 'My God is the LORD'

DID YOU KNOW?

In the New Testament, Elijah is called Elias

The Lord Jesus and Elijah

Jesus talked about Elijah going to stay with a widow woman (Luke 4) and also said John the Baptist was like Elijah (Matthew 17).

Who was Ahab?

Ahab was a king in Israel. He was married to a woman named Jezebel. They were both wicked people who worshipped a false god called Baal.

These stories happened here

History Timeline

Adam,
Noah,
Babel

Abraham,
Moses,
Joshua

Judges,
David
Solomon

Kings of
Israel and
Judah

Daniel,
Esther,
Nehemiah

The Lord
Jesus
Christ

Elijah and the Ravens

What are those fierce black birds? And what are they doing? They are ravens. They are carrying something in their mouths—bread, meat—but they are not eating it. Where are they taking it?



There all alone by a little brook of water called Cherith is a hairy, rough looking man. His name is Elijah. He is a prophet of God. He has just been to the wicked King Ahab and told him that because all the people are so evil, God will punish them. For three years it will not rain. It is terrible when there is no rain—nothing growing, everything dying, nothing to eat or drink.



On the map, can you find: **CHERITH**



But what about the poor prophet? Why is he by the little brook? God has told him to be there. Even if no one else has anything to drink, Elijah has.



This brook has not dried up. Elijah can drink the water there and it is God who has sent the fierce black birds carrying food for him to eat.