

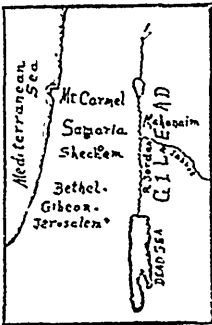
like the ravens, bring home huge supplies, and the energy of those sustaining Elijah would be supernaturally quickened. **Drank of the brook**; not yet dried up for lack of rain. **After a while**; perhaps nearly a year.

III. AT ZAREPHATH.—8-11. Zarephath; or Sarepta (Luke 4 : 20), 8 or 10 miles south of Zidon, or Sidon, on the Mediterranean, the home of Jezebel (ch. 16 : 31). Elijah's enemies would not think of searching for him there. **A widow woman**; hardly more likely, humanly speaking, to furnish support to Elijah. **The widow . . . gathering of sticks**; chance bits of wood from trees outside the city walls,—an indication of her deep poverty. **A little water**; the first need of a traveler through a drought-stricken land. Next, Elijah asks a morsel of bread.

12-16. As the Lord thy God liveth. The woman recognizes Elijah as an Israelite by his speech or dress and, though herself a heathen, swears by his God. **Not a cake**; the common flat circular or oval cake of unleavened dough, no thicker than a pancake and 10 or 12 inches in diameter. **Barrel**; a large earthen jar used for carrying water from the well, storing grain, etc. **Cruse**; a smaller jar with one or two handles. **Two sticks**; a couple of sticks, as we would say. **Dress it**; prepare it for eating. **Make me . . . cake first**; a severe test of the woman's faith. **Thus saith the Lord**; on whose promise she may surely rely. **Went and did**; proving her faith by her actions. **Many days**; perhaps two and a half years.

Vs. 17-24 tell of the death of the widow's son and Elijah's restoring him to life

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



We have seen that the **Brook Cherith** flowed through some unknown part of Gilead into the Jordan. A tradition, dating from the Middle Ages, however, places it in a picturesque gorge between Jerusalem and Jericho, through which a stream is flowing. On one side of the stream rises a great cliff of stratified rock, with many cavern-like hollows in its face. In one of these hollows nestles an old stone building. The building is a monastery, the site hav-

ing been chosen because it was believed to be the place where Elijah was fed by the ravens.

LESSON QUESTIONS

1 What announcement did Elijah make to Ahab? For what sin of Israel had drought been threatened as a punishment? Who in the New Testament predicted a famine? (Acts 11 : 28.)

2-4 Where was Elijah sent into hiding? What provision had God given for his support? What conclusion does Jesus draw from God's care of the birds? (Matt. 6 : 26.)

5-7 Of what character was the obedience of Elijah? Describe what the ravens did for him. What happened at last to the brook?

8-11 To what place was Elijah next sent? Who was to provide for him there? What did he find the woman doing? For what did he ask her? Whom did Jesus ask for a drink of water? (John 4 : 7.)

12-16 How was the woman's faith tested? How did she act? What was the result? What happened during a visit of Jesus to the neighborhood of Tyre and Sidon? (Mark 7 : 24-30.)

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Is the avoiding of danger a proof of cowardice?
2. Do miracles ever happen in our day?

A PRAYER

Reveal Thyself to us, O Lord, that we may know Thee in all Thy beauty, and may be transformed into Thine image. Then make us revealers of Thee. May we whose burdens are borne by Thee be bearers of the burdens of others. Teach us how to make the way pleasant for tired feet, and the days glad for aching hearts. And give us the great joy of pointing to Thee those who have not yet cast on Thee the burden of their sin. For Thy name's sake we ask it. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That God provides for our needs.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 24-27.

The Question on Missions—9. What does the Settlement's summer camp do for its members? It gives clean air and good food to worn-out mothers and sickly children. It gives a glimpse of a happy Christian home life to those who have never known a Christian home, and helps to form friendships on which is based the best work of the winter.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise : 19 (Supplemental Lesson), 108, 17, 65 (Ps. Sel.), 509 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 138.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. How was Elijah fed at the brook Cherith?

2. Why was he sent to Zarephath, and how was he supported there?

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