

## 1 Kings 17:17-24 **Elijah Revives the Widow's Son**

17 Now it happened after these things that the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him. 18 So she said to Elijah, "What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?"

19 And he said to her, "Give me your son." So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. 20 Then he cried out to the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?" 21 And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him." 22 Then the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived.

23 And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives!"

24 Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is the truth."

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### Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Elijah had informed Ahab that there would be no dew or rain for years until he gave the word. [\[1 Kings 17:1\]](#)
- ✧ God provided food by the ravens for Elijah at the Brook Cherith in the land of Gilead until the brook dried up. [\[1 Kings 17:2-7\]](#)
- ✧ Elijah was sent by the Lord to a widow at Zarephath in the land of the Sidonians near the Sea where he stayed through out the 3 ½ years of drought while the hand full of flour and little oil in a jar did not fail according to the word of God. [\[1 Kings 17:8-16, James 5:17\]](#)
- ✧ After many days the widow's son became sick and died, so his mother questioned Elijah about the death. [\[1 Kings 17:17-18\]](#)
  - ◇ God uses tragedy to test the faith of those He is using for His purposes.
  - ◇ All sickness is not because of sin, but there are times when it is for the glory of God as He works a miracle to demonstrate His power and setting a pattern in the Old Testament to show he is the same God as when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. [\[John 11:4\]](#)
- ✧ Elijah took the boy to the upper room where he prayed and stretched himself out on the child three times. [\[1 Kings 17:19-21\]](#)
- ✧ Yahweh heard Elijah and restored life to the boy. [\[1 Kings 17:22\]](#)
  - ◇ This is another evidence that Jesus is Yahweh of the Old Covenant.
  - ◇ Jesus also raised the son of the widow at Nain. [\[Luke 7:11-15\]](#)
- ✧ Elijah brought the boy to his mother alive. [\[1 Kings 17:23\]](#)
- ✧ Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you are a man of Elohiym, and that the word of Yahweh in your mouth is the truth." [\[1 Kings 17:24\]](#)
  - ◇ She had previously called him a man of Elohiym who served Yahweh Eloheyk (The Lord Your God). [\[1 Kings 17:12\]](#)
  - ◇ Elijah called Him Yahweh Elohey Yisrael (The Lord God of Israel). [\[1 Kings 17:14\]](#)

- ✧ Not only had the flour and oil lasted a great long time, but now with the restoration of her son, the evidence was enough to convince the woman that Elijah was truly a man of Elohiym and the Word of Yahweh in his mouth was altogether truth.
- ✧ God has His way of providing convincing proof of His prophet and His Word.