

The RAVENS that fed Elijah

in 1 Kings 17:2-7 **were** / are ...

“Then the word of the LORD came to him [Elijah], saying, “Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded **the ravens** to feed you there.” So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. **The ravens** brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook. (1 Kings 17:2-6)

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accustomed to

being near humans

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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both

normal and unusual

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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coming

even on the Sabbath

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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encouragement

for Elijah and us

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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evidence that

the LORD is the Creator

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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far more

stealthy than most people

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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helping

Elijah remain hidden

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

Descriptive



Meditation

small miracles twice a day

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in line with

praying for daily bread

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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intelligent

and highly teachable

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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like and unlike

the raven in Genesis 8:7

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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miraculously

willing to feed Elijah

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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miraculously able

to repeatedly find safe food

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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obviously not

bakers and cooks

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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overshadowed by

the widow in 1 Kgs. 17:8-16

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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probably

well fed themselves

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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promoting

daily trust in the Lord

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

Directions: after reading through **First Kings chapter 17**, consider and discuss how the ravens that fed Elijah are described above. While doing so, think about why God may have chosen to use ravens to feed his prophet and why a Gentile widow (who was similar to the ravens in some ways) was used as well. **Do you agree with the points made above, or would you change some of them? If so, how?** — **At the end, discuss the most important descriptive phrases and make personal applications.** Obviously, some of the applications should be about trusting the Lord for daily needs. — © 2022 by Jon F. Mahar, Hakusan City, Japan and Alexander, Maine, U.S.A.