

DIVINE APPOINTMENT.

or
ARE YOU THERE? 1 K^{ng}, 17;4

The most dynamic character of the Old Testament.
Little is known about where he came from and the way he left this world is still one of the most thrilling incidents out of the Bible past.

He was a strange creature. They called him Elija the Tishbite.

He had a way of appearing and disappearing as God appointed Him. He was a terror to wicked kings and a comfort to helpless widows.

He first appears as from nowhere and stands in the presence of Ahab during a time of great sin and idolatry.

He appears there in the King's throne room without being announced to proclaim a famine.

He came and went at will and all the king's armies could do nothing about.

His presence made the strong to tremble and he made such an impression that you could not forget him.

The ages could not forget this man.

In every sense of the word Elija was a man. You knew what side of a question he was on when you saw him coming.

Just as he appeared and disappeared in the old testament so he appeared and disappeared in the New.

When that fiery tongued preacher from the wilderness began to bellow out the gospel down by the Jordan

They said it was Elija.

When Jesus began to blast the sins of the leaders that called Him Elija.

On the Mt of Transfiguration Peter and John saw with Jesus Moses and Elija.

According to many Elija is not done with this old world yet, But will appear again as one of the heavenly witnesses in Rev.

1- God appointed a place where He would take care of Elija.

By the brook Cherith, I have commanded the Ravens to feed thee there.

a- God employs anything and everything to preserve the safety and happiness of his people when they are in His will. *Paul Thunders*

b. He has been known to employ the elements:

1- The wind for David- The going in the trees

c. Insects- He prepared a worm for Jonah's gourd/vine

d- Animals* The ass speaking for Baalam.

e- Bears- for Elisha.

f- Hornets for Israel.

Here he told Elija that I have commanded the Ravens to feed thee There. *(He was an able worker)*

I have commanded them. He had already commanded them before Elija got there. It seems reasonable to say that the Ravens would have carried the food to the place whether Elija had been there or not.

But the only way he could get the food was to be there. *He*

His "Seed" is not Always Sown

I have commanded a widow woman to sustain Thee there.

Only there would God meet him. Only there would God supply his need. God set the ^{where} there, for this man and it was up to him to go to God's place.

The Ravens was to be at the brook.

The widow was in Zidon at Zarephath.

NO OTHER WIDOW WOULD FEED HIM.

There were thousands of widows in the land, But only one had God commanded to feed the prophet.

Ravens were numerous in Palestine and they were flying everywhere but only one place in all the land were they commanded to feed Elija.

God works by a plan by a pattern That he has set.

Jesus had everything held up in the Garden until he said . Not my will but thine be done.

God doesn't have to follow a plan. God can override every law and overrule all obstacles, God can bless you and sustain you anywhere but he won't do it.

→ beyond a fish 3 ~~man~~ man

THERE WAS A FAMINE IN ISRAEL AND ALL THE LAND WAS ON-STARVASHONN

But down by the brook the prophet was eating and drinking to his heart s content. He was there.

If you are there you will know no famine. God will make a way when there is no way.

WHEN WE GET THERE GOD MEETS US.

JESUS SAID TO THE DICIPLES YOU GO UP TO JERUSALEM AND TARRY, YOU GO THERE. SO FAR AS WE KNOW NOBODY ANYWHERE ELSE IN JERUSALEM WAS FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST EXCPET THOSE WHO WERE THERE.

AHAB AND JESEBELL WERE OUT TO KILL HIM.

They had their army scouring the land they searched in every nook and coner of the land. But they couldnet find Elija.

The soldiers of Phroah couldnet find Moses down by the river.

Ahab a type of the devil. Satan would kill every good man. and the only safe place on e arth is There. God has promised to protect us there. God will fight for us there. God will save us there.

Lets not get on no mans land.

A mans life is immortal. only if he is ia Gods will. N t simply if you are a christian.

But only if you are there. Paul bore a charmed life. →

They couldnt stone him. They couldne drown him. They couldnt kill him.

He was there. I Goda wiil. And God wouldnt let devils or Ceasers stop him till He coi;d say I have finished my course.

Paul could not be killed
Jesus could not be killed
And Paul would not be