

Ref 1 Ki 17	Widow of Zarephath	Believers / ecclesia	Ref
v9 commanded by God	She is a Gentile commanded and chosen/called by God to be a servant of His servant Elijah	We are Gentiles called/chosen by God to be servants of Gods servant Christ.	Ro 8:28 / 2 Tim 1:9
v9 commanded by God	She was commanded to sustain Elijah	We are called to nourish/sustain Christ - how? Whatever we do to help others especially other baptized we are really doing it to Christ	Matt 25:34-40
v10 finds her gathering sticks	She was busy looking after her family	But only to eat and die without Christ	Eph 2:12-13
v10 fetch me a little water	Even in times of difficulty she was willing without delay to provide water when asked for others. Also she had water in a time of drought	We live in a land of drought of the water of life Gods word - we must be ready to give others of the water of life. But to be able to give we must have first got it and have it ourselves to then be able to give it to others. We need to have the water of the word in us first.	1 Pet 3:15 / Matt 25:25,40
v19-20 Elijah sojourns with the widow	She allows Elijah into her house and her life to live with her	We must have Christ abiding in us	John 15:3-7 / Ro 8:11
v14-15 she and he and her house did eat many days	She supports Elijah from what God continually provides for her each day until the end of the drought	All that we have is from God and is to be used in Gods service even when it causes us hurt to give (think of the widow who threw in her money which meant she would have to go without Mar 12:42-44 we have to be giving to God like the sacrifices of our best, not what's left over/what we don't need, what's of our excess/abundance). King David recognized this.	1 Chron 22:14 (in his trouble/affliction (it hurt him) he gave the great riches for the building of the temple. 2 Sam 24:24 / 1 Chron 29:12-14
v12 that we may eat it and die	She and her household was dying but for the intervention of Elijah (Christ) and her obeying him	Without obeying to Gods call and allowing Christ into our house our lives, We are without hope in the world dying if we are without Christ.	Eph 2:12
v14 food provided until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth (again)	By obeying Elijah she was fed until the drought ended and the rain came again	But if we like the woman obey Christ until the day God will send rain upon the earth	Jam 5:7-8 speaks of the coming of Jesus to the earth to set up the kingdom in terms of rain upon the earth
v13 but make me thereof a little cake first	She responds to Elijah's needs first before her own and her household	We are to do the same serve Jesus before ourselves	Matt 6:31-34 (This is exactly what happened to the widow she did first what Elijah asked and what she needed to live was added to her)
v24 by this I know that thou art a man of God and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth	She learns about God and His hand at work in our lives through what she went through in her life	We learn more about God and Jesus through what we go through in life BUT only if we have obeyed God and Jesus and taken him into our life	Heb 12:7-11 / Acts 14:22
v9 zarephath which belongeth to Zidon	She lived in zarephath which is in the region of Zidon, the Hebrew means hunting and has the sense of catching fish.	Jesus made his disciples hunters/fishers of men, we are to do the same.	Matt 4:19
v9 zarephath which belongeth to Zidon	She lived in Zarephath, the Hebrew means refinery from the root Hebrew word to refine.	This captures those who are called and obey that call and live a life in Christ whose lives are to prepare them to be ready for the kingdom - by Gods grace and mercy as believers in Christ we will be refined.	1 Pet 1:7-9 / 1 Pet 5:6-7
As the widow was asked by Elijah to provide water and bread, she could have thought there are people better suited. We must NOT think we are not suited but rather have faith and respond as she did.			
Similarities with the Shunamite woman 2 Kings 4			