

Introduction

- I. The drought in Israel was getting progressively worse on two fronts:
- II. In the middle of all this drought, there is an oasis in which we see growing faith.

**The Prophet Standing for Jehovah
(3) Sent to Zarephath**

I. A Word of Judgment

- A. After the brook dried up, the Lord shockingly commanded Elijah to go to Zarephath.

- B. Why did the Lord send Elijah to Zarephath? Jesus explains this was a further judgment on Israel for rejecting the word of the Lord. Luke 4:25, 26

II. A Nurtured Faith

- A. God preserved Elijah by the desperate widow in Zarephath.

- 1. Was there ever a more desperate woman?
- 2. This widow was a woman of faith who believed in God and followed His word.

- B. Jehovah sends Elijah to this woman to comfort her and strengthen her faith in a time of great hardship for her.

III. A Prepared Prophet

- A. Zarephath was the place where God wanted Elijah to be to grow his faith.

- B. We are exactly where we need to be according to the sovereign plan of God.