The Widow Of Zarephath

Upon the posting of the February 12 report titled “Setting The Captives Free,” Bride brother Rian in Australia responded:

Amen to Luke 4:18-19. A very interesting connection with the Elijah. Amazing that v21 says: “This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.” Then it says in v24 that “no prophet is accepted in his own country,” which has been the case with you. And then v25-27 connects it with the Elijah that was sent to a widow during a time of great famine. Of course we are waiting for the latter rain, so it's encouraging that Elijah said to the woman in 1Kings 17:14, “For thus saith Yahweh God of Israel, 'The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that Yahweh sendeth rain upon the earth.’” So it would seem to me that this work in Africa will continue and shall ‘not waste’ (fail) until Yahweh sends the latter rain. HalleluYah!

Rian has frequently provided truth that is very helpful and revealing, and he did so once again here. And he is certainly right about the response to Bride in America. They do not have ears to hear or eyes to see. Yet in Africa, it is just the opposite. They do see, and rejoice greatly! It is as written: “the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are” (1 Corinthians 1:28).

This same contrast is clearly seen in verses 25-26 of Luke 4, where Yahshua noted:

“… there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land; and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.”

This certainly relates to America, but it in fact goes beyond a mere nation as well. Just as Yahweh passed over Israel, He is passing over Christianity. How do we know this? There are many testimonies, including yet another seen here in this passage. Let us examine it.

Very importantly, what does “Zarephath” mean? It means: “place of purification with fire.” Now, when you say this to a Christian, they will think of some cataclysmic wrath. Not so. That is natural thinking. What then is this speaking of? It is clear. Who are we reading about here in Yahshua’s comparison? It is none other than Elijah. That is indeed the context. So is it not obvious that this relates to the very time in which we live? Very much so, and this is proven/confirmed in Malachi 3:2-3, where we read regarding the messenger, Elijah:
“But who can endure the day of his coming? And who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to Yahweh offerings in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to Yahweh as in the days of old and as in former years.”

There is no question that there is a direct parallel between these two accounts. Plus, this speaks directly to the second Remnant. Elijah occupied two locations during the drought. The first was at the brook Cherith, where the ravens fed him. This was the first Remnant. Then he left there and passed through Christianity, not staying there, and arrived at second Remnant Zarephath. This is obvious, if you know what God is doing. “To him who has understanding, knowledge is easy” (Proverbs 14:6). And we as the second Remnant will most certainly experience the refiner’s fire and fuller’s soap! And you can rejoice that you do experience this cleansing, otherwise you are unworthy. The bride makes herself ready. She is the Esther who passes through purification before she goes to the King.

And this identical principle is clearly seen in Zechariah 13:9:

“And I will bring the third part through the fire, refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are My people,’ and they will say, ‘Yahweh is my God.’”

If you want to read more about Yahweh’s fire in the purpose of purification, read “The Baptism Of Fire.”

And one of the things that has to pass through the refiner’s fire is the false teachings of Christianity. The Body of Christ is NOT the only work that is in the kingdom, and it is also corrupted and blind. There must be a female work as well that, like Mary, can be overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, be impregnated from above, and birth Immanuel back to this earth. The Body of Christ could NEVER do this! So, they have to be put to sleep, their side opened, take out the Elijah twelfth-apostle rib, and then form the bride who can and will indeed birth the Son of God back to this earth.

We look to the Father.

Blessings,

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