

Great Faith
Matthew #102
Matthew 15:21-28

Background: God sent Elijah to this same region, known then as Phoenicia and the home of Jezebel. By NT times the same area was known as Syro-Phoenicia, since Phoenicia had become part of the Roman province of Syria. Today, the region is called Lebanon

Vs. 22 - *“a Canaanite woman from that region”*

Canaanite was a generic term for a combined number of specific Canaanite tribes, such as the Perizzites, the Hivites, the Jebusites, etc. the Phoenicians were also a branch of the Canaanites.

Vs. 26 - The word for dogs here is not some mangy street dog, more of a puppy, or a pet.

Vs. 28 - “Woman,” He said, “you have great faith!” The Greek word is μέγας (meg'-as), source of the English prefix mega. This woman had mega or great-faith!

JC Ryle: Trials are intended to make us think,—to wean us from the world,—to send us to the Bible,—to drive us to our knees.