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What does the Bible say about droughts?:

ELIJAH AND THE DROUGHT IN ISRAEL:

[**1 Kings 17:1 \(NLT\)**](#) “ Now Elijah, who was from Tishbe in Gilead, told King Ahab, “As surely as the Lord, the God of Israel, lives—the God I serve—there will be no dew or rain during the next few years until I give the word!””

DROUGHT AS A COVENANT CURSE:

[**Deuteronomy 28:24 \(NLT\)**](#) “24 The Lord will change the rain that falls on your land into powder, and dust will pour down from the sky until you are destroyed.”

DROUGHT IN THE TIME OF JEREMIAH:

[**Jeremiah 14:1–4 \(NLT\)**](#) “1 This message came to Jeremiah from the Lord, explaining why he was holding back the rain: 2 “Judah wilts; commerce at the city gates grinds to a halt. All the people sit on the ground in mourning, and a great cry rises from Jerusalem. 3 The nobles send servants to get water, but all the wells are dry. The servants return with empty pitchers, confused and desperate, covering their heads in grief. 4 The ground is parched and cracked for lack of rain. The farmers are deeply troubled; they, too, cover their heads.”

THEOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF DROUGHT:

JUDGMENT AND DISCIPLINE:

TESTING AND DEPENDENCE:

1 Kings 17:8–16 (NLT) “8 Then the Lord said to Elijah, 9 “Go and live in the village of Zarephath, near the city of Sidon. I have instructed a widow there to feed you.” 10 So he went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the gates of the village, he saw a widow gathering sticks, and he asked her, “Would you please bring me a little water in a cup?” 11 As she was going to get it, he called to her, “Bring me a bite of bread, too.” 12 But she said, “I swear by the Lord your God that I don’t have a single piece of bread in the house. And I have only a handful of flour left in the jar and a little cooking oil in the bottom of the jug. I was just gathering a few sticks to cook this last meal, and then my son and I will die.” 13 But Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid! Go ahead and do just what you’ve said, but make a little bread for me first. Then use what’s left to prepare a meal for yourself and your son. 14 For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: There will always be flour and olive oil left in your containers until the time when the Lord sends rain and the crops grow again!” 15 So she did as Elijah said, and she and Elijah and her family continued to eat for many days. 16 There was always enough flour and olive oil left in the containers, just as the Lord had promised through Elijah.”

Psalm 107:33–34 (NLT)

33 He changes rivers into deserts, and springs of water into dry, thirsty land.

34 He turns the fruitful land into salty wastelands, because of the wickedness of those who live there.

Psalm 107:35–38 (NLT)

35 But he also turns deserts into pools of water, the dry land into springs of water.

36 He brings the hungry to settle there and to build their cities.

37 They sow their fields, plant their vineyards, and harvest their bumper crops.

38 How he blesses them! They raise large families there, and their herds of livestock increase.

Psalm 107:1–2 (NLT)

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

2 Has the Lord redeemed you? Then speak out! Tell others he has redeemed you

2 Chronicles 7:11–14 (NLT)

11 So Solomon finished the Temple of the Lord, as well as the royal palace. He completed everything he had planned to do in the construction of the Temple and the palace. 12 Then one night the Lord appeared to Solomon and said,

“I have heard your prayer and have chosen this Temple as the place for making sacrifices.

13 At times I might shut up the heavens so that no rain falls, or command grasshoppers to devour your crops, or send plagues among you. 14 Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.