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**The Reason for Miracles**

***1 Kings 17***

***Why do Miracles Happen?***

# I. Elijah proclaims God’s judgment on Ahab and Israel (1).

(PRIN) When you know you stand before God, you will have the courage to stand up to kings

(APP) Be alert for when God’s truth is being challenged in our time

# II. God miraculously provides for Elijah (2-16).

(PRIN) God not only works through us; he works in us to prepare us for his next great purpose

(APP) Obey God, even when his directions may seem strange or unusual

# III. God miraculously resurrects the widow’s son (17-23).

(PRIN) Faith grows as we trust God’s word and see his faithfulness to his promises

(APP) Let God work through your life to accomplish his will

# IV. The widow proclaims Elijah is a man of God who speaks the truth (24).

(PRIN) Our greatest calling is to declare God’s will faithfully and fearlessly

(APP) Listen carefully to God’s Word, so you can understand the message he is calling you to proclaim

# Conclusion: The God of Israel lives and rules over the gods of this world and proves that by miracles.

Notes for Max Anders Diagram of Biblical History

SDS: Saul, David, and Solomon, Kings of the United Kingdom of Israel and Judah

J(R) & I(J): Kings of Divided Kingdoms: Judah (Rehoboam) and Israel (Jeroboam)

J(B) & I(A): Israel is taken captive by Assyria, Judah is later taken captive by Babylon

Z E N Restoration leaders of the return from exile: Zerubbabel, Ezra, and 111 Nehemiah

P G H R: Empires controlling the Holy Land during the “silent years”: Persia, Greece, Hasmonian and Roman Empire

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