

## 15 – JEHORAM & ELISHA – PART 2 (2 KINGS 5:1-8:15)

### I. The Healing of Naaman (2 Kings 5:1-27)

#### A. Naaman's Problem (2 Kings 5:1-4)

- Naaman was great and honorable man who was the commander of the Syrian army.
- While he was a might warrior, he also suffered from leprosy.
- A young slave girl that was taken from Israel told her mistress of a prophet in Israel.
- She stated that this prophet would heal her master of leprosy.
- Naaman then reported the girl's words to his master, the king of Syria.

#### B. The King's Request (2 Kings 5:5-7)

- Naaman was sent to Israel with gold, silver, clothing and a letter from the king.
- The king requested that the king of Israel would heal his servant Naaman of leprosy.
- The king of Israel despaired and believed that the Syrian king was provoking a war.

#### C. Elisha's Instructions (2 Kings 5:8-10)

- Elisha sent word to the king of Israel asking why does he despair and tear his clothes.
- He tells the king to send him Naaman so that he knows there is a prophet in Israel.
- Naaman went and stood at the door of Elisha's house.
- Elisha sent word that he should go and wash in the Jordan River seven times.

#### D. Naaman's Healing (2 Kings 5:11-19)

- Naaman was furious that Elisha did not come out and heal him.
- He protested that there were better rivers in Syria than all the waters of Israel.
- His servants encouraged their master to heed Elisha's instructions and he did.
- He went down and dipped in the Jordan seven times and his flesh was restored.
- Naaman returned to Elisha and proclaimed that there is no God except in Israel.
- He offered Elisha a gift and the prophet refused to take any gift.

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- Naaman asked to be given two mule loads of earth from Israel.
- He also proclaimed that he would worship no god except the God of Israel.
- He also asked for forgiveness for bowing down in the temple of Rimmon with his master.
- Elisha told Naaman to go in peace and he departed for Syria.

## E. Gehazi's Sin (2 Kings 5:20-27)

- Since Elisha declined a gift, Gehazi decided to run after Naaman and get something.
- Gehazi stopped Naaman and requested a talent of silver and clothing for two young men.
- Naaman doubled the request and gave it to Gehazi, who then hid it in a house.
- When Gehazi returned to Elisha, the prophet asked him where did he go.
- Gehazi replied that he did not go anywhere.
- Elisha stated that his heart went with him when Naaman turned back to meet Gehazi.
- Elisha questioned if it was time to receive money and goods.
- The prophet proclaimed that the leprosy of Naaman would cling to Gehazi and his descendants.
- At that moment, Gehazi left the prophet's presence leprous and white as snow.

## II. The Floating Axe Head (2 Kings 6:1-7)

- The sons of the prophets told Elisha that the place where they lived with him was small.
- They suggested that they go to the Jordan and make a place where they can live.
- As they were cutting down trees, the axe head fell into the waters.
- One cried out that the axe head was borrowed and now it is lost.
- The prophet asked where it fell in the water and he then cut off a stick.
- He threw the stick into the river and the axe head floated on the water.
- The prophet then told them to pick up the axe head.

## III. The Aramean Army (2 Kings 6:8-23)

### A. Syria's War Plans Revealed (2 Kings 6:8-12)

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- The king of Syria made plans concerning his attack on Israel.
- The prophet warned the king of Israel, who in turn tested the information given to him.
- The king found Elisha's information to be true and avoided the Syrians several times.
- The king of Syria questioned if there were spies among them revealing his plans to Israel.
- It was reported to him that Elisha the prophet reveals the king's words to the enemy.

## B. The Attempt to Seize Elisha (2 Kings 6:13-17)

- The king wanted to find Elisha's location so they could seize him.
- The king sent an army and they surrounded the city where Elisha was staying.
- In the morning, Elisha's servant despair at the sight of the surrounding army.
- Elisha prayed that the Lord would open the eyes of his servant so that he can see.
- The Lord opened the servant's eyes and he saw the hills were filled with angels.

## C. The Syrians Blinded (2 Kings 6:18-23)

- Elisha asked the Lord to strike the Syrians with blindness.
- Elisha told the blinded Syrians to follow him and he will lead them to the man they seek.
- Elisha led them to Samaria where he prayed that their eyes were opened.
- The king of Israel asked Elisha if he should kill them.
- Elisha told the king to feed his captives and release them to their master.
- The troops returned to the king of Syria and the raiding in Israel ceased.

## IV. Judgment in Samaria (2 Kings 6:24-7:20)

### A. The Siege and Famine (2 Kings 6:24-29)

- The king of Syria besieged Samaria and there was a famine in the city.
- The famine was so severe that a head of a donkey sold for 80 shekels of silver.
- As the king was passing by on the wall, a woman cried to him for help.
- She said a woman ask for her son as food and they would eat the woman's son next.

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- So, when she ate the first woman's son, the other woman hid her son.

### B. The King's Anger Toward Elisha (2 Kings 6:30-33)

- When the king heard the woman's words, he tore his clothes in grief.
- The people could see that the king wore sackcloth on his body.
- The king swore that he would have the head of Elisha that day.
- Elisha was sitting with the elders in his house when he made a proclamation.
- He stated that a messenger had been sent for his head and they were to hold him.
- He also stated that the one who sent the messenger would be right behind him.
- The king arrived and stated that the calamity is from the Lord.
- He questioned why he should wait any longer before surrendering.

### C. Elisha's Prophecy (2 Kings 7:1-3)

- Elisha called them to hear the word of the Lord.
- He tells them that by this time tomorrow a seah of flour and seah of barley will sell for a shekel.
- An officer, who aided the king, questioned whether this would take place.
- Elisha told the officer that he would see it and that he would not taste it.

### D. The Four Lepers (2 Kings 7:4-15)

- There were four leprous men sitting at the gate of the city.
- They were trying to decide whether to enter the city and die or go to the Syrians and die.
- So, at twilight, they went to the camp of the Syrians and found that no one was there.
- The Lord caused Syrians to think that the Egyptians and Hittites had come to help Israel.
- So, the Syrians left quickly without their supplies and animals.
- The lepers went from tent to tent, taking gold and clothing as they ate and drank.
- They became convicted and decided to tell the king that the Syrian camp was empty.
- So, they told the gatekeepers, who in turn told the King.

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- The king thought it was a Syrian trick, but his servants convinced him to send someone to look.
- The men searched for the Syrian army until the Jordan River and found that they had fled.
- They then went back to the king and reported the camp was empty and filled with loot.

### E. The Mob Plunders The Camp (2 Kings 7:16-20)

- The people went out of the city and plundered the Syrian camp.
- That evening, flour and barley sold at the city gate for the price foretold by Elisha.
- The officer who attended the king was put in charge of the city gate.
- He was trampled by the mob of people at the city gate and died.
- This happened in accordance with what Elisha said, that he would see and not taste it.

### V. The Care of the Shunammite Woman (2 Kings 8:1-6)

- Elisha told the Shunammite woman to leave the area because a seven-year famine was coming.
- The woman fled with her family to the land of the Philistines until the famine was over.
- She and her family returned to Israel and appealed to the King for the return of her land and house.
- The King was asking Gehazi concerning the deeds of Elisha in restoring the boy to life.
- Gehazi then pointed out to the king that this was the woman whose son was restored by Elisha.
- The king then commanded that her land and house with its proceeds be returned to her.

### VI. The Death of Ben-Hadad II (2 Kings 8:7-15)

- Elisha went to Damascus and the ben-Hadad was told that the prophet had come.
- The king sent Hazael with a gift to inquire of the prophet concerning his recovery.
- When Hazael met Elisha, the prophet told him to tell the king that he will live.
- However, Elisha told him that instead the king will die.
- Elisha then stared at Hazael for a long time and wept openly.
- Elisha told him that he will do evil to Israel and that he will be king of Syria.
- When Hazael returned, he told the king that Elisha said he will recover.

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- The next day, Hazael suffocated the king and became king over Syria in his place.