

# calvary chapel

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Book of Kings

*Simply teaching the Word simply*

# The Miracles of Elisha

- We have noted 7 miracles of Elisha depicting God's grace
  - Provision (all your needs) 4:1-7
  - Posterity (a lasting name) 4:8-17
  - Healing (life from death) 4:18-37
  - Peace (secure amidst any trial) 4:38-44
  - Cleansing (of the un-cleansable) 5:1-19
  - Restoration (to ministry) 6:1-7
  - Mercy (not wrath) 6:8-23

# For Our Learning

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Romans 15:4



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## Chapter 6

*<sup>24</sup> And it came to pass after this, that Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria.*

*<sup>25</sup> And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was sold for fourscore pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five pieces of silver.*

**2 Kings 6:24-25**

- As the donkey was "unclean," it would not be eaten except in the last resort; and its head would be its worst and cheapest part.*

*- Albert Barnes*

*26 And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, Help, my lord, O king.*

*27 And he said, If the LORD do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of the barnfloor, or out of the winepress?*

**2 Kings 6:26-27**

- We may cry out to man, but if God is not for us...

*28 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to day, and we will eat my son to morrow.*

*29 So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him: and she hath hid her son.*

**2 Kings 6:28-29**

# Life Without Grace

<sup>48</sup> Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.

Deuteronomy 28:48



49 The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand;

50 A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young:

**Deuteronomy 28:48-49**

**51** And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which also shall not leave thee either corn, wine, or oil, or the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee.

**Deuteronomy 28:51**

**52** And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

**53** And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the LORD thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee:

**Deuteronomy 28:52-53**

**54** So that the man that is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave:

**55** So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates.

**Deuteronomy 28:54-55**

*56 The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter,*

*57 And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.*

**Deuteronomy 28:56-57**

58 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD;

59 Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance.

**Deuteronomy 28:58-59**

# Life Without Grace

*“When God wants to show you what human nature is like apart from Himself, He has to show it you in yourself. If the Spirit of God has given you a vision of what you are apart from the grace of God (and He only does it when His Spirit is at work), you know there is no criminal who is half so bad in actuality as you know yourself to be in possibility. My “grave” has been opened by God and “I know that in me (that is in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing.” God’s Spirit continually reveals what human nature is like apart from His grace”*

Oswald Chambers,, My Utmost for His

Highest,

# Masada















*30 And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes; and he passed by upon the wall, and the people looked, and, behold, he had sackcloth within upon his flesh.*

*31 Then he said, God do so and more also to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day.*

**2 Kings 6:30-31**

- As Elijah had been blamed, so now Elisha is blamed for Israel's troubles!

# Inverted Wisdom

- 1 "These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble.
- 2 They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming **that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.**
- 3 And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me.
- 4 But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them.

**John 16:1-4**

<sup>32</sup> But Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him; and the king sent a man from before him: but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, See ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take away mine head? look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door: is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?

**2 Kings 6:32**



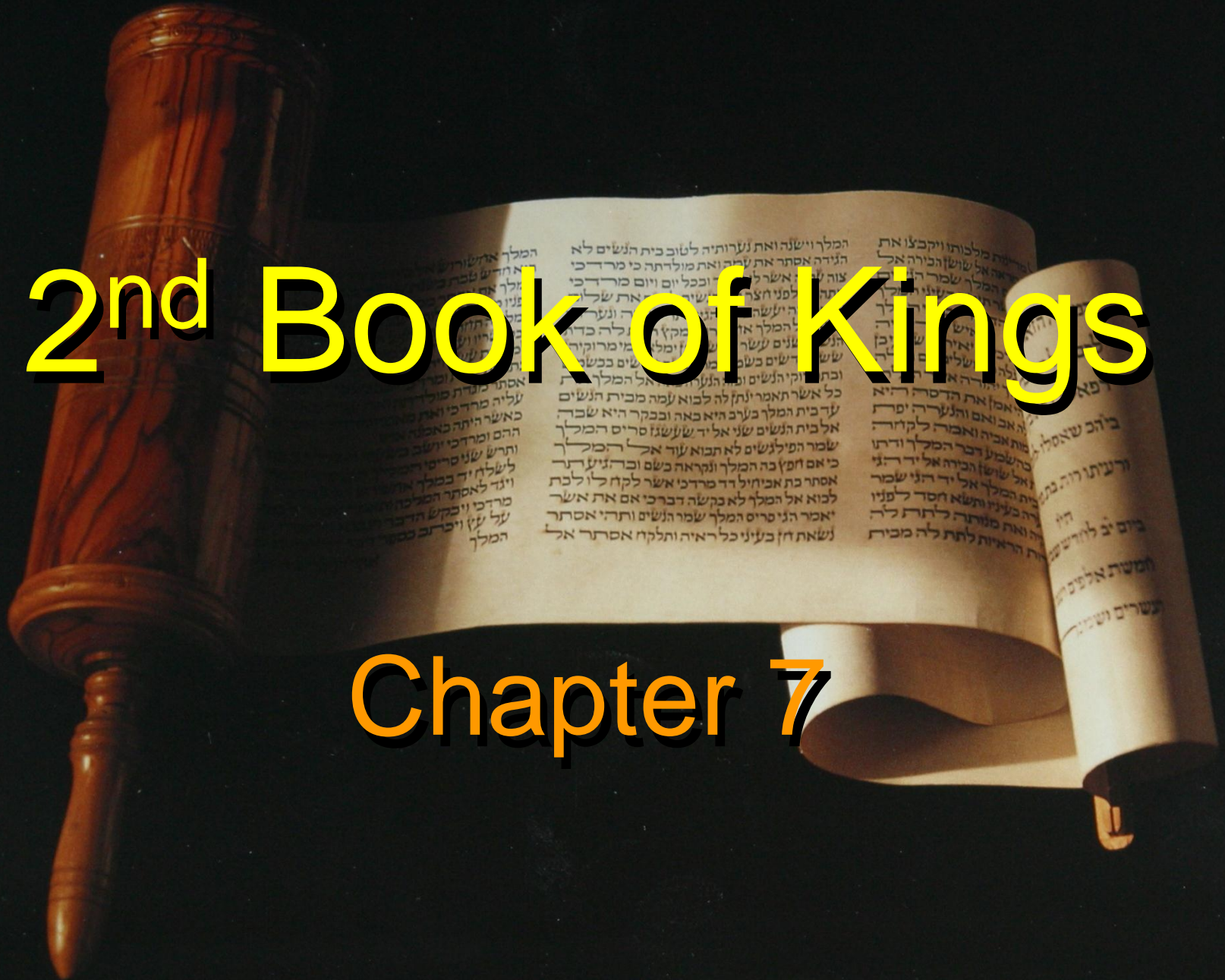
<sup>33</sup> And while he yet talked with them, behold, the messenger came down unto him: and he said, Behold, this evil is of the LORD; what should I wait for the LORD any longer?

2 Kings 6:33

- The messenger in this verse is the king himself (the originator of the message)
  - The word in Hebrew can mean ambassador, angel, king, messenger
- King Jehoram declares that God is to blame, and as His prophet, Elisha should pay!

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## Chapter 7



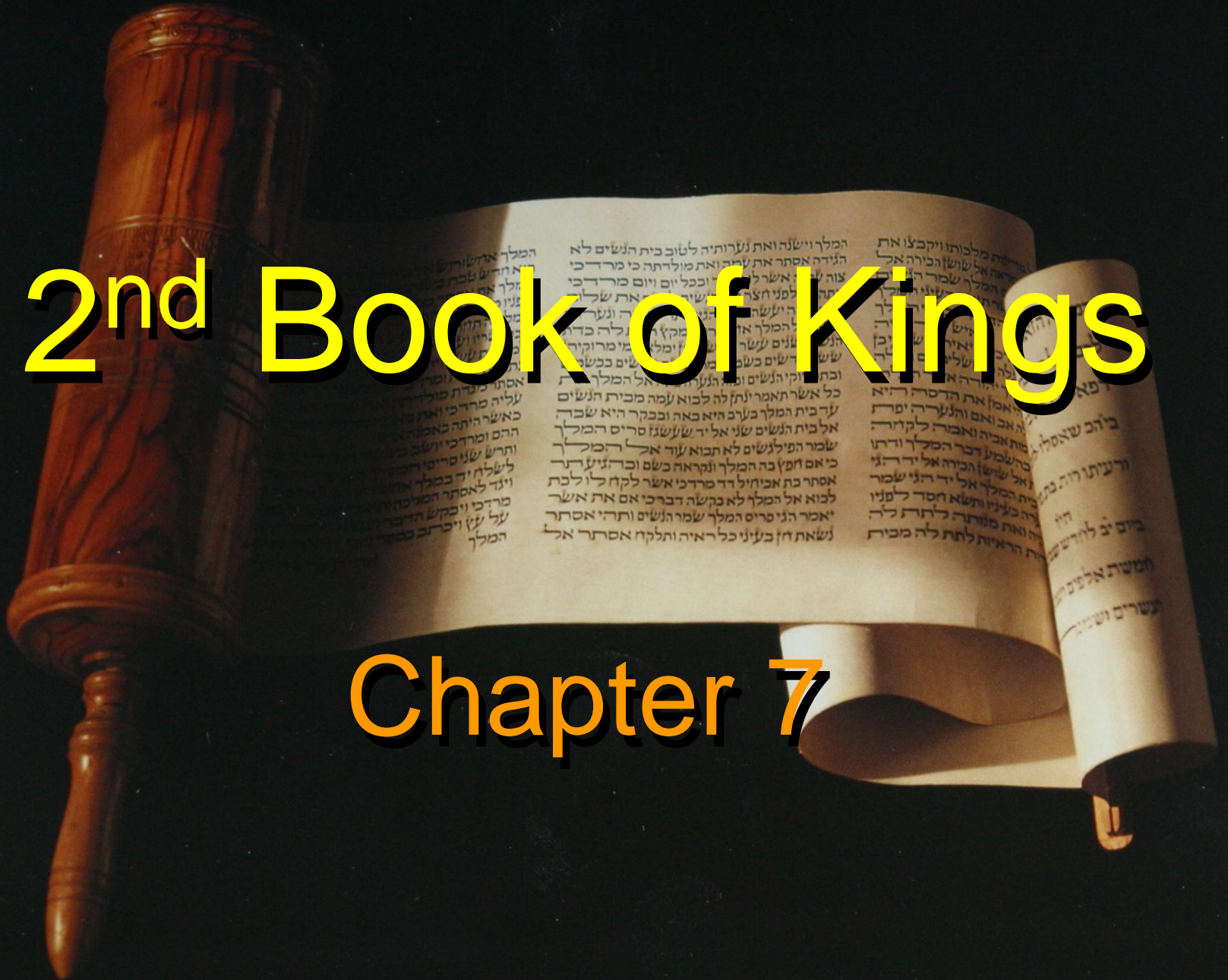
# Archbishop Stephen Langton

- Bible scholar 1150-1228
- Instrumental in the creation and adopting of Magna Carta in 1215
- He created the chapter divisions we have in our Bibles today



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## Chapter 7



*I Then Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the LORD; Thus saith the LORD, To morrow about this time shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.*

**2 Kings 7:1**

- This situation had been brought about by the king's disobedience and rejection of God!
- It is the age-old question of why God allows suffering
- The reality is that man chose this life back in the Garden of Eden

<sup>2</sup> Then a lord on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, if the LORD would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

**2 Kings 7:2**

- Unbelief is a great sin!

*3 And there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die?*

*4 If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.*

**2 Kings 7:3-4**

*5 And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, there was no man there.*

*6 For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.*



*7 Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life.*

*8 And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it.*

**2 Kings 7:7-8**

9 Then they said one to another, **We do not well:** this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and **tell the king's household.**

2 Kings 7:9

- These sinners 'saved by God's grace' realised that they could not keep this great news a secret!
- Who were the king's household?
  - Those who should have been walking with the LORD, but had been led astray

# The Famine Today

**II** Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the

**LORD:**

**Amos 8:11**

# The Famine Today

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**John 16:1-4**

# The Famine Today

- 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
- 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

2 Timothy 4:3-4

# The Famine Today

9 *The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?*

**Jeremiah 8:9**

# The Famine Today

*8 The priests said not, Where is the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.*

**Jeremiah 2:8**

# They that handle the law knew Me not

A major national poll...by one of America's leading researchers.. commissioned by Answers in Genesis, as a follow-up to the results of an alarming Barna Research poll of 2002 and a Southern Baptist poll... clearly shows that ... many have left the church because they no longer believe the Bible is the absolute Word of God



# Pastors transgressed against Me

How do mainline Protestant clergy stand on theological issues such as biblical infallibility? Many take a decidedly nonconformist view, according to a survey of 7,441 ministers conducted by sociologist Jeffrey Haden.

Here are the percentages of ministers who answered “No” to the following questions, by denomination:

# Pastors transgressed against Me

Question: *Do you accept Jesus' physical resurrection as a fact?*

Methodist ministers 51%

Episcopalian ministers 35

American Baptist ministers 33%

Presbyterian ministers, 30%

American Lutheran ministers, 13%

# Pastors transgressed against Me

Question: *Do you believe in the virgin birth of Jesus?*

Methodist ministers 60%

Presbyterian ministers, 49%

Episcopalian ministers 44%

American Baptist ministers 34%

American Lutheran ministers, 19%

# Pastors transgressed against Me

Question: *Do you believe the scriptures are the inerrant work of God in faith, history and secular matters?*

Episcopalian ministers 95%

Methodist ministers 87%

Presbyterian ministers, 82%

American Lutheran ministers, 77%

American Baptist ministers 67%

# The Greatest Insult?

<sup>27</sup> Saying to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned their back unto me, and not their face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us.

Jeremiah 2:27

Evolution – *‘it rained on the rocks for millions of years...’*

The C of E has apologised to Darwin!!?

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# “Arise, and save us”

<sup>22</sup> Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? <sup>23</sup> And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Matt 7:22-23

Are we concerned about the lost?

*Then understand that many reside in churches today!*

9 Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.

2 Kings 7:9

- By telling the king's household, the people in the city would be sure to hear!



**IO** So they came and called unto the porter of the city: and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, there was no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they were.

**II** And he called the porters; and they told it to the king's house within.

**2 Kings 7:10-11**

**12** And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants, I will now shew you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we be hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.

**2 Kings 7:12**

**13** And one of his servants answered and said, Let some take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city, (behold, they are as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it: behold, I say, they are even as all the multitude of the Israelites that are consumed:) and let us send and see.

**14** They took therefore two chariot horses; and the king sent after the host of the Syrians, saying, Go and see.

**2 Kings 7:13-14**

**15** And they went after them unto Jordan: and, lo, all the way was full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the king.

**16** And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD.

**2 Kings 7:15-16**

**17** And the king appointed the lord on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate: and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spake when the king came down to him.

**18** And it came to pass as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be to morrow about this time in the gate of Samaria:

**2 Kings 7:17-18**

**19** And that lord answered the man of God, and said, Now, behold, if the LORD should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

**20** And so it fell out unto him: for the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died.

**2 Kings 7:19**



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