

**“Historical Books Of The Bible”**  
**2 Kings 6:8-7:20**  
**Wednesday November 2, 2016**

**2 Kings 6:8-17**

**Israel’s Captivity, 2 Kings 1-17**

**2 Kings 2 – Elisha Replaces Elijah.**

**2 Kings 2:14–2 Kings 13:20: Elisha Is God’s Prophet during Israel’s darkest hours.**

**1. 2 Kings 6:8-23 – The Syrian’s Defeat**

**2. 2 Kings 6:24-7:2 – The Siege**

**3. 2 Kings 7:3-20 – The Deliverance**

**1. 2 Kings 6:8-23 – The Syrian’s Defeat:**

**2 Kings 6:8-14 – The God Who Sees:**

2 Kings 6:8-12

Ecclesiastes 10:20

2 Kings 6:13

“Behold, he is in Dothan.” – located about 12 miles north of the capital city of Samaria.

2 Kings 6:14

**2 Kings 6:15-17 – The God Who Protects:**

2 Kings 6:15-16

Psalms 27:3

Deuteronomy 20:3-4

2 Kings 6:17

Hebrews 11:27 – “as seeing Him who is unseen.”

Psalms 34:7

Psalm 125:2

The angels are servants to God's people, Hebrews 1:14.

## **2 Kings 6:18-23 – The God Who Shows Mercy:**

2 Kings 6:18-21

James 1:8

2 Kings 6:22 – "He answered, 'You shall not kill them.'" – Elisha intervened.

2 Kings 6:23

Proverbs 25:21-22; Romans 12:20-21

Matthew 5:7 – "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

## **2. 2 Kings 6:24-7:2 – The Siege:**

2 Kings 6:24-25

"There was a great famine in Samaria;" – Leviticus 26:26, 29; Deuteronomy 28:17, 48.

"they besieged it," – Leviticus 26:17, 25, 33, 36-39; Deuteronomy 28:25-26, 49-52.

"until a donkey's head was sold for eighty shekels of silver," – 2 lbs. of silver.

"and a fourth of a kab (half pint) of dove's dung (nickname chickpeas, seed pods) for five shekels of silver." – 2 oz. of silver.

2 Kings 6:26-29 – Cannibalism

2 Kings 6:30-31

Joram's father, Ahab, called Elijah "the one who troubled Israel", 1 Kings 18:17.

2 Kings 6:32

"Do you see how this son of a murderer has sent to take away my head?" – 1 Kings 18:4. They also killed their neighbor Naboth, 1 Kings 21.

2 Kings 6:33

2 Kings 7:1

Verses 1-2 – Good News From The Lord: "Then Elisha said, 'Listen to the word of the LORD; thus says the LORD,'"

2 Kings 21:10 – "the Lord spoke through His servants the prophets."

"Tomorrow about this time a measure of fine flour (7 quarts) will be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley (13 quarts) for a shekel,"

2 Kings 7:2

### **3. 2 Kings 7:3-20 – The Deliverance:**

2 Kings 7:3 – Being Lepers, they were outcasts, Leviticus 13:36.

2 Kings 7:4 – "let us go over ("to desert") to the camp of the Arameans."

2 Kings 7:5-7

The Syrians had left their camp as it was and fled twenty-five miles to the Jordan River, scattering their possessions as they ran, 2 Kings 7:15.

2 Kings 7:8-9

"We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, but we are keeping silent;" – "The Good News Of The Gospel"

2 Kings 7:10-16

Note the emphasis on "the word of the Lord", 2 Kings 7:16-18.

Verses 17-20 – The King's Bad News: 2 Kings 7:17-18.

Matthew 24:35

2 Kings 7:19-20

## **Application:**

1. King Joram Called Elisha "My Father" 2 Kings 6:21 (his master); Later In 2 Kings 6:32, He Wanted To Take Off Elisha's Head. Why Such Duplicity? James 1:8 – "being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways."
2. King Joram Wanted To Kill The Syrians, But Elisha "Killed Them With Kindness." Matthew 5:7 – "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."
3. The Four Lepers Found The Syrian Camp Unoccupied And Filled With Resources. They Said in 2 Kings 7:9 "We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, but we are keeping silent;" These Same Words Can Apply To Believers Today About Sharing "The Good News Of The Gospel."