Divided Kingdom

Lesson 6 - Elisha's Miracles 2nd Kings 4-6:7; 8:1-6

The Widow's Oil (2nd Kings 4:1-7)

- The widow's husband A man who feared God
- The widow's faith demonstrated

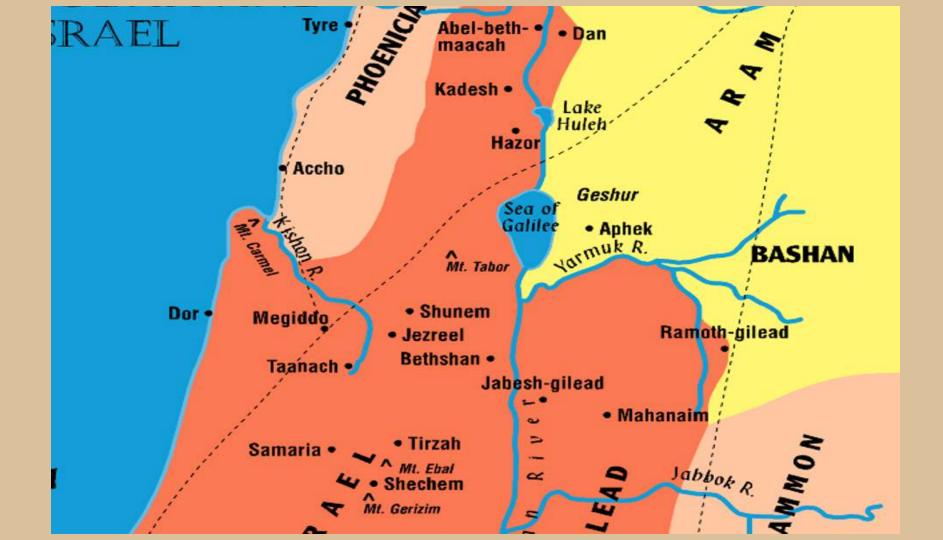
2Ki 4:3 Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors-empty vessels; <u>do not gather just a few.</u>

4 And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones."(NKJV)

• The widow seeks instruction

2Ki 4:7 <u>Then she came and told the man of God.</u> And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest."(NKJV)

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Elisha raises the Shunammite's son (2nd Kings 4:8-37)

• The Shunammite's faith, compassion and generosity

2Ki 4:10 "Please, let us make a small upper room on the wall; and let us put a bed for him there, and a table and a chair and a lampstand; so it will be, whenever he comes to us, he can turn in there."(NKJV)

• Elisha seeks to show his gratitude

2Ki 4:13 And he said to him, "Say now to her, 'Look, you have been concerned for us with all this care. What can I do for you?" (NKJV)

• A son is promised

2Ki 4:16 Then he said, "About this time next year you shall embrace a son."

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• The child dies in his mother's arms

2Ki 4:20 "When he had taken him and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died."(NKJV)

• The Shunammite's faithfulness

2Ki 4:23 So he said, "Why are you going to him today? <u>It is neither the New</u> <u>Moon nor the Sabbath.</u>"

• The Shunammite's faith rewarded

2Ki 4:36 And he called Gehazi and said, "Call this Shunammite woman." So he called her. And when she came in to him, he said, "Pick up your son."37 So she went in, fell at his feet, and bowed to the ground;"(NKJV)

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Elisha provides for the sons of the prophets (2nd Kings 4:38-44)

• A time of famine

2Ki 4:38 "And Elisha returned to Gilgal, and there was a famine in the land."(NKJV)

• Poisonous pot of stew purified

2Ki 4:41 So he said, "Then bring some flour." And he put it into the pot, and said, "Serve it to the people, that they may eat." <u>And there was nothing harmful in the pot.</u>" (NKJV)

• Faithfulness in a land of wickedness

2Ki 4:42 Then a man came from Baal Shalisha, and <u>brought the man of God</u> <u>bread of the firstfruits</u>, twenty loaves of barley bread, and newly ripened grain in his knapsack. And he said, "Give it to the people, that they may eat."

• 100 fed by 20 small loaves of bread

2Ki 4:43 But his servant said, "What? Shall I set this before one hundred men?" He said again, "Give it to the people, that they may eat; for thus says the LORD: <u>'They shall eat and have some left over.'"</u>

Naaman healed of his leprosy (2nd Kings 5:1-19)

• The captive Israelite girl's faith

2Ki 5:3 Then she said to her mistress, "If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For <u>he would heal him of his leprosy.</u>" (NKJV)

• Signals crossed

2Ki 5:6 "Now be advised, when this letter comes to you, that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, <u>that you may heal him</u> of his leprosy." (NKJV)

• Elisha's message to the king

2Ki 5:8 Please let him come to me, and <u>he shall know that there is a prophet in</u> <u>Israel.</u>"

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• Man's thoughts versus God's word

2Ki 5:11 But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, "Indeed, <u>I said</u> to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy."

• Naaman understands the truth

2Ki 5:15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his aides, and came and stood before him; and he said, "Indeed, <u>now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel;</u>"

Gehazi's greed (2nd Kings 5:20-27)

• His deceptive plan

2Ki 5:20 But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "Look, my master has spared Naaman this Syrian, while not receiving from his hands what he brought; but <u>as the LORD lives, I will run after him and take something from him." (NKJV)</u>

• Gehazi lies to Elisha

2Ki 5:25 Now he went in and stood before his master. Elisha said to him, "Where did you go, Gehazi?" And he said, "Your servant did not go anywhere." (NKJV)

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• Naaman's leprosy clings to Gehazi

2Ki 5:27 "Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and your descendants forever." And he went out from his presence leprous, as white as snow.

More room for the prophets (2nd Kings 6:1-7)

2Ki 6:1 And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "See now, the place where we dwell with you is too small for us. Please, let us go to the Jordan, and let every man take a beam from there, and let us make there a place where we may dwell." So he answered, "Go."(NKJV)

• The iron ax head floats

2Ki 6:6 So the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw it in there; and he made the iron float. (NKJV)

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The Shunammite's land restored (2nd Kings 8:1-6)

2Ki 8:1 Then Elisha spoke to the woman whose son he had restored to life, saying, "Arise and go, you and your household, and stay wherever you can; for the LORD has called for a famine, and furthermore, it will come upon the land for <u>seven years.</u>" (NKJV)

• Her appeal to the king

2Ki 8:5 Now it happened, as he was telling the king how he had restored the dead to life, that there was the woman whose son he had restored to life, appealing to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, "My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son whom Elisha restored to life."(NKJV)

Some lessons

- These accounts would have been spread among the Israelites
- God knows who are His
 - Cares about them
 - Will provide for them
- God is not like the idols He is powerful

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- **(Athaliah)** 6y
- Joash (Jehoash) 40y
- Amaziah 29y
- Uzziah (Azariah) 52y

- Jotham 16y
- Ahaz 16y
- Hezekiah 29y
- Manasseh 55y
- Amon 2y
- Josiah 31y
- Jehoahaz (Shallum) 3m
- Jehoiakim (Eliakim) 11y
- Jehoiachin (Coniah, Jeconiah) 3m
- Zedekiah (Mattaniah) 11y

