THE BATTLE IS THE LORD’S
PART III
2 Kings 7

MAIN THOUGHT  God revealed Himself to Elisha and the Israelites as the God who SEES (8-17), PROTECTS (15-17), is MERCIFUL (18-23), is STERN (24-33), and FULFILLS PROMISES (7:1-20).

Good News from the Lord (1-2).

• Through a closed door (6:32), Elisha (21:10) delivered the word of the Lord to the king and his messenger.
• For the king who could not WAIT (6:33) any longer, the siege and famine would be over (by this time tomorrow) with food selling for normal prices.
• The king’s messenger (officer, right hand man) scoffed in disbelief and mocked Elisha at the impossibility (Matt. 19:26) — even if God opened His FLOODGATES (Gen. 7:11; 8:2; Mal. 3:10) it would not be enough.
• His UNBELIEF would not allow him to “Come and dine” (John 21:12).

Good News from the Enemy Camp (3-16).

• These four lepers were outside the city gate (Lev. 13:46). Jewish tradition teach these four were leprous Gahazi and his three sons.
• With nothing to lose, they went to the Aramaens to surrender.
• They were shocked to find that the enemy had all fled (Prov. 28:1) undetected at dusk.
• The Aramaens had mistakenly heard the sound of Hittite and Egyptian armies coming to relieve Israel when in fact it was the sound of horses and chariots of fire in a whirlwind (2:11) — the angelic armies of God (6:17)!
• The four lepers ate and drank to the full as they looted and hid their spoils by night under cover of darkness.
• Unlike Achan (Josh 7:1), their consciences got the best of them and they returned immediately to Samaria to share the GOOD NEWS (Angels – Luke 1:19; 2:10; Jesus – Luke 3:18).
• King Joram remained in UNBELIEF, not at the words of the lepers, but at the word of Elisha that such a thing could happen!
• Thinking it a ruse, he would only send two chariots to investigate. They went all the way to the River Jordan (25 miles) and confirmed it all.
• So it was: Elisha proved true (Josh. 21:45) and the people feasted!

Bad News for the King’s Officer (17-20).

• The king’s messenger (officer, right hand man) who had scoffed in disbelief and mocked (2) had been put in charge of the gate that morning.
• As prophesied, he was trampled to death (Gal. 6:7).
• Unbelief leads to death. God help us to believe (Matt. 9:23-24).