

**2 Kings 6 & 7**  
**The Deliverance of God's People**  
**Lesson 23**

Elisha moved among the ordinary people, ministering to their needs. His faithful service showed God was concerned not just with kings and battles but also with individuals and the everyday things of life.

**The Ax-head - 2 Kings 6**

1. Once again Elisha was with the company of prophets. What was the situation that set up the background of this story? (vs. 1, 2)
  
2. What request was made of Elisha and what did he do? (vs. 3, 4)
  
3. They arrived at the Jordan River and began working. What happened there? (vs. 5)
  
4. Why do you think the man was so terrified? (See Exodus 22:14 Note: animal is equal to any property and Leviticus 25:39, 40)
  
5. To Elisha, this wasn't a problem. How did he deal with the situation? (vs. 6, 7)
  
6. What miracle did God perform through Elisha?

**War With Aram**

7. After showing God's concern for the individual and his need, the next story moved to the national level but still emphasized the individual. The king of Aram was at war with Israel. His plan to come against Israel began with a strategically placed military camp. How did that go? (vs. 8-10)
  
8. The king of Aram finally became enraged at this. What was his conclusion? (vs. 11)

9. How did his officers answer his accusation? (vs. 12)
  
10. What was the king's immediate reaction? (vs. 13)
  
11. Think about the logic of the king's orders right after what his men had just told him. How did he think he could accomplish this? (vs. 14)
  
12. Who discovered the problem first? (vs. 15a)
  - What was his reaction? (vs. 15b)
  
  - How was Elisha able to reassure him? (vs. 16, 17)
  
  - What do you think Elisha was teaching his servant?
  
13. As the enemy came toward Elisha, what was the powerful "weapon" Elisha used against them? (vs. 18a)
  - What happened? (vs. 18, 19)
  
14. When they arrived at the destination, Elisha used his powerful weapon again. What happened this time? (vs. 20)
  
15. Imagine you are one of these Aramean soldiers. What might you be thinking or feeling now?
  
16. What does the king of Israel want to do with Elisha's presentation? (vs. 21)

17. Please notice the hierarchy here. Who was recognized as the superior over whom?  
Comment.
18. Imagine the king's surprise at Elisha's answer. What was Elisha's unconventional military strategy? (vs. 22)
- Did it work? (vs. 23)

**Another attempt by Aram - 2 Kings 6-7:2**

19. The details of one's past defeats last only a short time when denied what one wants. And, so it was, that some time later the king of Aram tried to come against Israel again. What was his next strategy and how well did it seem to work? (vs. 24, 25)
20. What was happening within the city of Samaria? (vs. 26-29)
21. How did the king of Israel handle this news? (vs. 30, 31)
22. The king sent his messenger ahead to Elisha. Who was with Elisha at this time? (vs. 32a)
23. What did Elisha tell his guests and when? (vs. 32)
24. While Elisha was speaking, the king arrived. Who does the king blame for this disaster? (vs. 33)
25. What was God doing? (Leviticus 26:14-16a, 25-29 & 40-42)
26. What do you see as the condition of the king's heart?
27. Elisha spoke the word of the Lord. Who was there to hear? (vs. 32, 33 & 7:2)

28. What was God's word to these witnesses? (vs. 7:1)
  
29. The king's officer spoke up. What was he implying with his question? (vs. 2a)
  
30. What was Elisha's answer to him? (vs. 2b)

**God's answer - 2 Kings 7**

31. Who became God's unlikely messengers and how did that come about? (vs. 3-5)
  
32. What miracle had God done on behalf of Israel? (vs. 5-7)
  
33. What was the condition of the hearts of the four men? (vs. 8, 9)
  
34. Follow the line of communication that spread the news. How did it travel? (vs. 10, 11)
  
35. When word reached the king (who had already been told by Elisha this would happen) how did he respond? (vs. 12)
  
36. What plan did they come up with and what was the reason? (vs. 13)
  
37. As they followed the plan, what did they discover? (vs. 14, 15)
  - What was that day like? (vs. 16)
  
38. The king's officer had questioned the Lord's ability to do as He said. How was Elisha's prophecy about him fulfilled? (vs. 17-20)