

“Elisha” birds eye tour with “Key thoughts”

2K 2:19 Healing of the Water

A Key thought: Why would Elisha throw salt to heal water? Wouldn't salt be the last thing to fix water??
Salt: Preservative / type of Christ / salvation. Salt is something that spoils, therefore so obvious that it was God's healing.

2K 2:23 Elisha is Jeered (Bears attack)

A Key thought: Warning of God's judgement or wrath should these people/land continue in disobedience & apostasy(defection/falseness).

A Key thought: Why bears? Hmm, maybe it makes a good story. Also a nice picture of how God doesn't always have to call magical lightening bolts onto people, but can use logical things (couple of local grizzlies) for his purposes.

2K 3 Moab revolts

A Key thought: A great story where it is only God that allows victory over our enemies (God brought a miracle of rain for drinking & enabled them to overthrow the Moabites).

A Key thought: The Kings only called on God (through Elisha) when they came to a dead end after trying to make it on their own but failed. How long do we wait until we call for God's help?

2K 4:1-7 The Widow's Oil

A Key thought: She only had a “little” oil, but it seems as though she had plenty to fill all the jars & to make enough money!. As the jars ran out, so did the oil – maybe an indication of God's perfect provision – he knows exactly what, when & how much we need. Has God provided for you in a similar fashion?

Key thought: She didn't ask what she was filling the jars for until after it was done & it was then that Elisha told her to sell them to make money. Good example of obedience & of trusting God.

2K 4:8-37 The Shunammite's Son restored

2K 4:38-41 Death in the Pot

2K 4:42-44 Feeding of a Hundred

A Key thought: Interesting that this mirrors the actions of Jesus in his mass feedings from minimal resources. Sign of God's provision.

2K 5 Naaman Healed of Leprosy

A Key thought: Naaman initially rejected the simple instruction of obedience to wash in the river as he preferred a miraculous “bells & whistles” healing. Do we ever expect “bells & whistles” from God when it's not necessary, sometimes God does “bells & whistles” acts & sometimes not, we should simply trust and be obedient.

2K 6:1-7 An Axehead Floats

2K 6:8-23 Elisha traps blinded Arameans

A Key thought: That fascinating way that God works..full of surprises, responding not as man responds. He gave the captured enemies a good feed & sent them on their way. What sort of a war conclusion is that!?!? God demonstrates clearly that Israel's security was in God & not in military systems. Israel's enemy's military efforts were futile against the hand of God.

2K 6:24-20 Famine Besieged in Samaria / The Siege lifted

2K 8:1-6 The Shunammite's Land restored

2K 8:7-14 Hazael Murders Ben-Hadad

A Key thought: It struck me that through all of Elisha's stories, he is performing these absolutely amazing things for Israel's safety & defense & yet there will still come a time where Israel will be subject to the wrath of men through terrible violence of innocent men, pregnant women & little children. God doesn't always make sense, the rain falls on the good & the bad...trials do come.

God's provision strong reappearing theme— extremely faithful & a challenge to trust & call on God for provision. Don't become lazy in our thinking that God is our provider spiritually & physically.