

Elijah/Elisha – Framework for Revelation

Rev 11:

Two Witnesses (Prophets)

V5 Fire proceed by their word and destroy their enemies

V4 2 candlesticks = jewish and gentile remnant

V6 Power to shut heaven

V11 7000 slain

V11 The Remnant glorified God

Elijah & Elisha - 2 x Elijah 2 Kgs 2

Elijah destroys 2 bands of 50 with fire – 2 Kgs 1

Elijah saved both Jews and Gentiles (Women of Sidon)

"There will be no rain but by my word" 1 Kgs 17

7000 in Ahab's army 1 Kgs 20v15

"I have reserved me 7000" 1 Kgs 19 v 18

Elijah – No Rain for 3 ½ Years (Lunar/Jewish)

1260 Days

3 ½ years =

42 Months

Time, Times and ½ Time

360 + 720 + 180

Rev 11v3, 12v6

Rev 11v2, 13v5

Dan 12v7

42 Months

Pagan Rome Falls 312-316

Constantine Takes Power

Ushers in Enlightenment "Cloud like a mans hand" 1 Kgs 18 v 44

French (Civil) Religious War 1562 - 98 Massacre of Huegenots (1572)

"...have power to... earth with all pl

Trumpets, Vials ar

Beginning of the end (3 frog spirits)
Leads to forerunner
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French Revolution 1798-1805

Imperial Protection Wanes

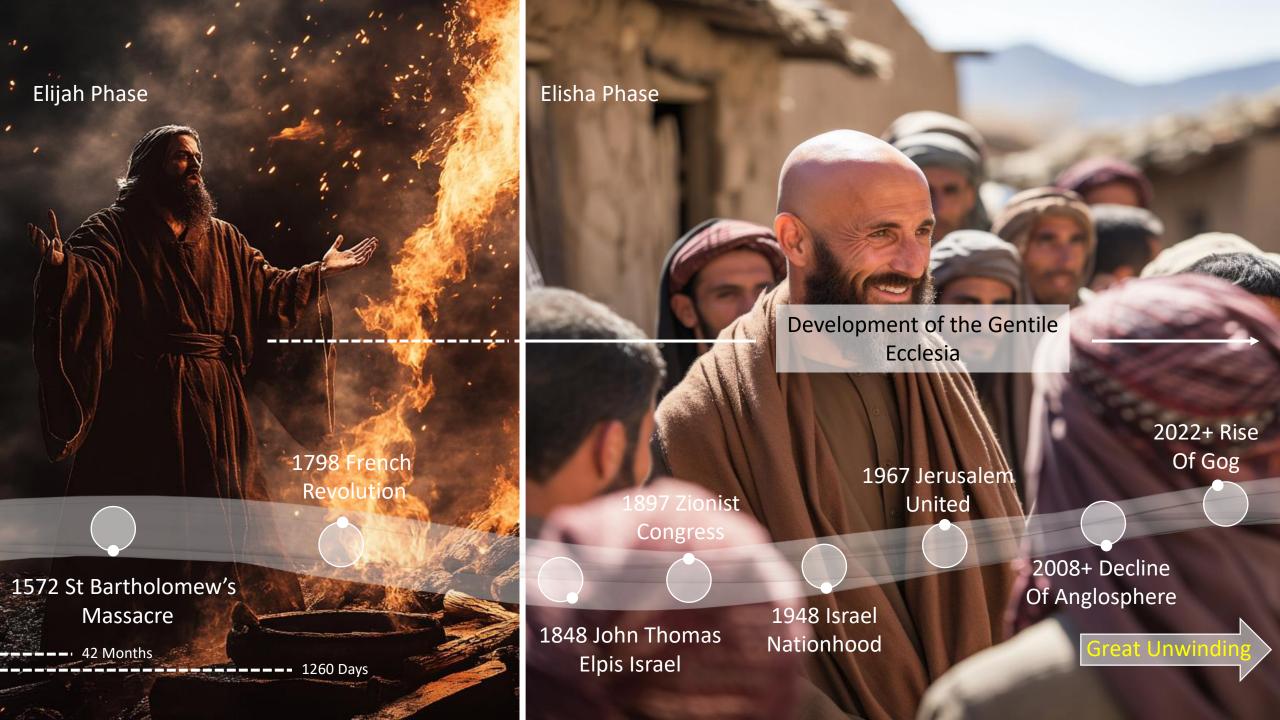
Justinian Decree 538

Imperial Protection Starts

Trumpets, Vials, Woes & Earthquakes

1260 Days

"...have power to... smite the earth with all plagues





Seven Ecclesias of Revelation							
Ecclesia	Ephesus	Smyrna	Pergamos	Thyatira	Sardis	Philidelphia	Laodicea
Reference	Rev 2 v 1 - 7	Rev 2 v 8 - 11	Rev 2 v 12 - 17	Rev 2 v 18 - 29	Rev 3 v 1 - 6	Rev 3 v 7-13	Rev 3 v 14 - 22
Meaning of Name	To Let Go	Anointing Oil	To Be Married To Power	To Be Ruled By A Woman	A Precious Stone	Brotherly Love	Power Of The Laity (People)
Period In Church History	AD 96 - 180	AD 180 - 313	AD 313 - 606	AD 606-1517	AD 1517-1739	AD 1739-1967	AD 1967 +
Character of Each Church	Effort Relaxed	Martydom & Tribulation	Union of Church & S		formation	E	rty
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Ruled By

Jezebel

Reign With

Christ

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Balaam's

Doctrine,

Idolatry

A White Stone

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NONE

The New

Jerusalem

Lukewarm

With Christ On

David's Throne

It Lived

But Dead

Spiritually

Name

Confessed

Praised For

Faults

Reward

Patience

Left First Love

Paradise

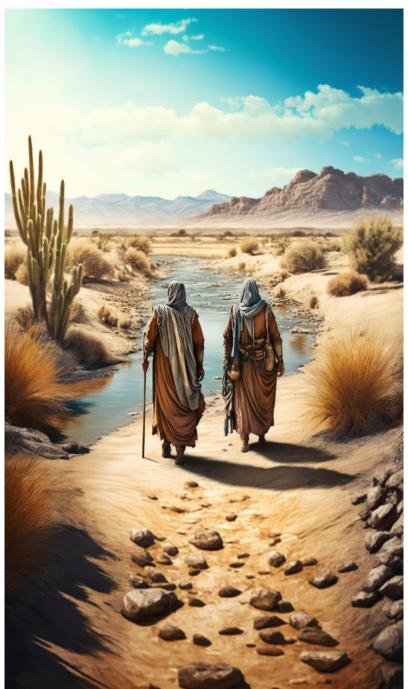
Tribulation

NONE

The First

Resurrection







Elijah Compared to Elisha

Elijah (8 Miracles)	Elisha (16 miracles)
Sudden appearance, no history, no death	Background – farming, wealth, family, passing
External – lives 'away' from Israel	Internal – Sons of the prophets
Combative – against leadership	Cooperative – works with leadership
Curse – brings death and destruction	Blessing – Brings life and salvation
Failures recorded – fled, depression, accusation	No failures recorded
Wind, Fire and Earthquake	Still Small Voice
The Holy Man – distinct, separate, sojourner	The Man of God – engaging, supportive, principled







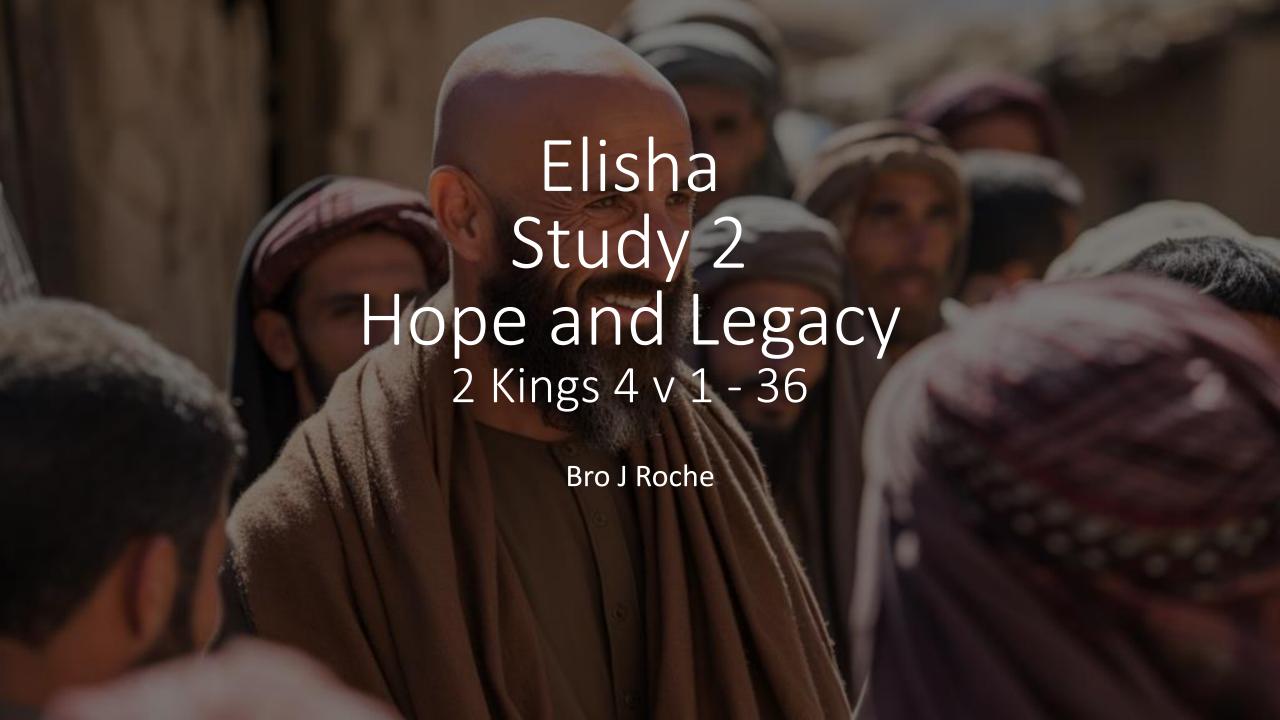












Bethel – Centre of idolatry

So the king sought some advice and then built two golden calves and announced, "It's too difficult for you to travel to Jerusalem. So here are your gods, Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"

He set one of them in Bethel and placed the other one in Dan.1 Kgs 12 v 28 - 29



Jericho – the Cursed City

And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

In his days did Hiel the **Bethelite** build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest *son* Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun. 1 Kings 16 v 33 - 34







Miracle for the Widow

Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the Lord: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two children to be bondmen. 2 Kings 4 v 1



"What do you have...?"

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Oil for redemption

So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons; they brought *the vessels* to her, and she poured out.

And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed. 2 Kgs 4 v 6



Shunamite's Son

And Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in there to eat bread.

And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God, that passes by us continually.

Let us make, I pray thee, a little chamber on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a seat, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.

And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber and lay there. 2 Kings 4 v 8 - 11



"I need nothing"

Elisha told him, "Ask her,
'Look how you've gone to all
this trouble to care for us!
What can I do for you? Do
you wish to be mentioned to
the king or to the head of the
army?" She replied, "I'm at
home living among my own
people."

2 Kings 4 v 13



My head, my head



After the child had grown up a bit, one day he went out to visit his father, who was with the harvesters.

He told his father, "My head! My head!" So his father ordered his servant, "Carry him over to his mother!"

So the servant carried him over to his mother, where he rested on her lap until mid-day, and then he died.

2 Kings 4 v 18 - 20

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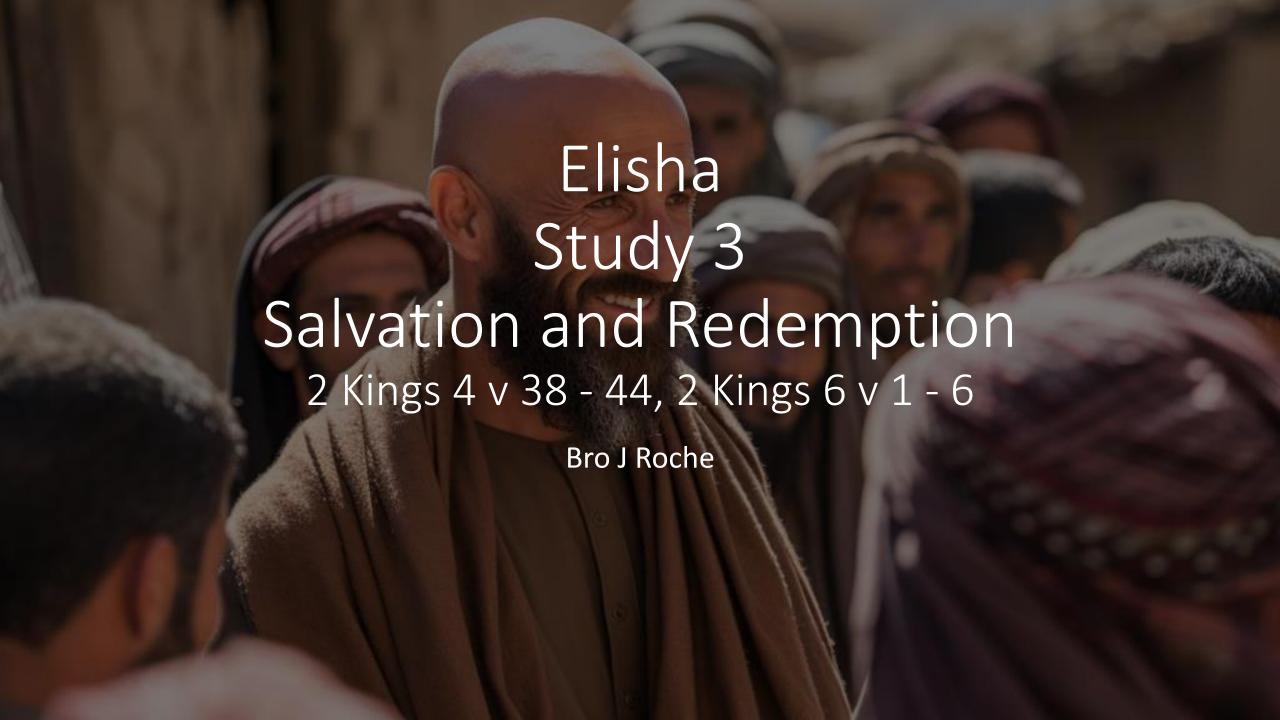
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The Barren City

One day the people of Jericho said, "Elisha, you can see that our city is in a good spot. But the water from our spring is so bad that it even keeps our crops from growing."

2 Kings 2 v 19





Just add salt

Elisha replied, "Put some **salt** in a **new bowl** and bring it to me." They brought him the bowl of salt,

and he carried it to the spring. He threw the salt into the water and said, "The LORD has made this water pure again. From now on you'll be able to grow crops, and no one will starve."

The water has been fine ever since, just as Elisha said. 2 Kings 2 v 20 - 22

Old passes away

One day some followers of John the Baptist came and asked Jesus, "Why do we and the Pharisees often go without eating, while your disciples never do?"

No one pours new wine into old wineskins. The wine would swell and burst the old skins. Then the wine would be lost, and the skins would be ruined. New wine must be put into new wineskins. Both the skins and the wine will then be safe. Matt 9 v 14, 17



You are the salt of the earth

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Mat 5 v 13 - 16

Let your way of life be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. Col 4 v 6



Death in the pot

And Elisha returned to Gilgal. And the famine was in the land. And the sons of the prophets were sitting before him. And he said to his young man, Set on the big pot and boil soup for the sons of the prophets.

And one went out to the field to gather herbs, and found a vine of the field, and gathered gourds from it in the field. And with the lap of his garment full, he came in and shredded *them* into the pot of soup; for they did not know.

And they poured out for the men to eat. And it happened, when they were eating the soup, they cried out and said, Death *is* in the pot O man of God! And they were not able to eat.

2 Kings 4 v 38 - 40

Give a little

But he replied, "Bring me some flour." He tossed it into the pot and said, "Serve the people so they can eat." Then there was nothing harmful in the pot. 2 Kings 4 v 41



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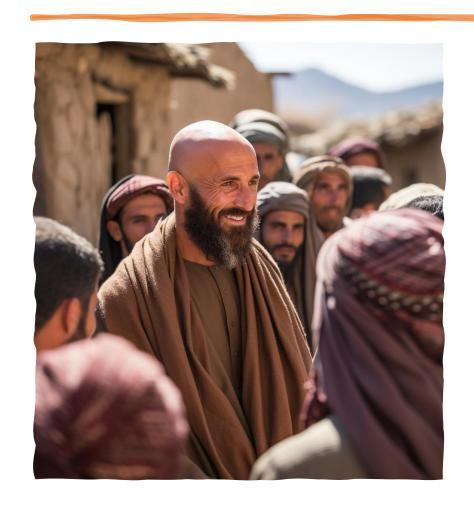
Give to the people...

Elisha's attendant asked, "What? Will this serve 100 men?" But he replied, "Distribute it to the people so they can eat, because this is what the LORD says: 'They will eat and have a surplus!'"

So he served them, and they ate and had some left over, just as the LORD had indicated. 2 Kings 4 v 43 - 44



Not enough room...



And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, See, now, the place where we are living with you is too narrow for us.

Please let us go to the Jordan, and we each one shall take a beam from there. And we shall make for ourselves a place there, to live there. And he said, Go.

And the one said, Please be willing, and go with your servants. And he said, I will surely go.

And he went with them. And they came to the Jordan, and cut down trees. 2 Kings 6 v 1 - 4

The Axe-head

While one of the prophets was working, his ax head fell off and dropped into the water. "Oh!" he shouted. "Sir, I borrowed this ax."

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Take up your cross...

Then Jesus said to his disciples: If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross and follow me.

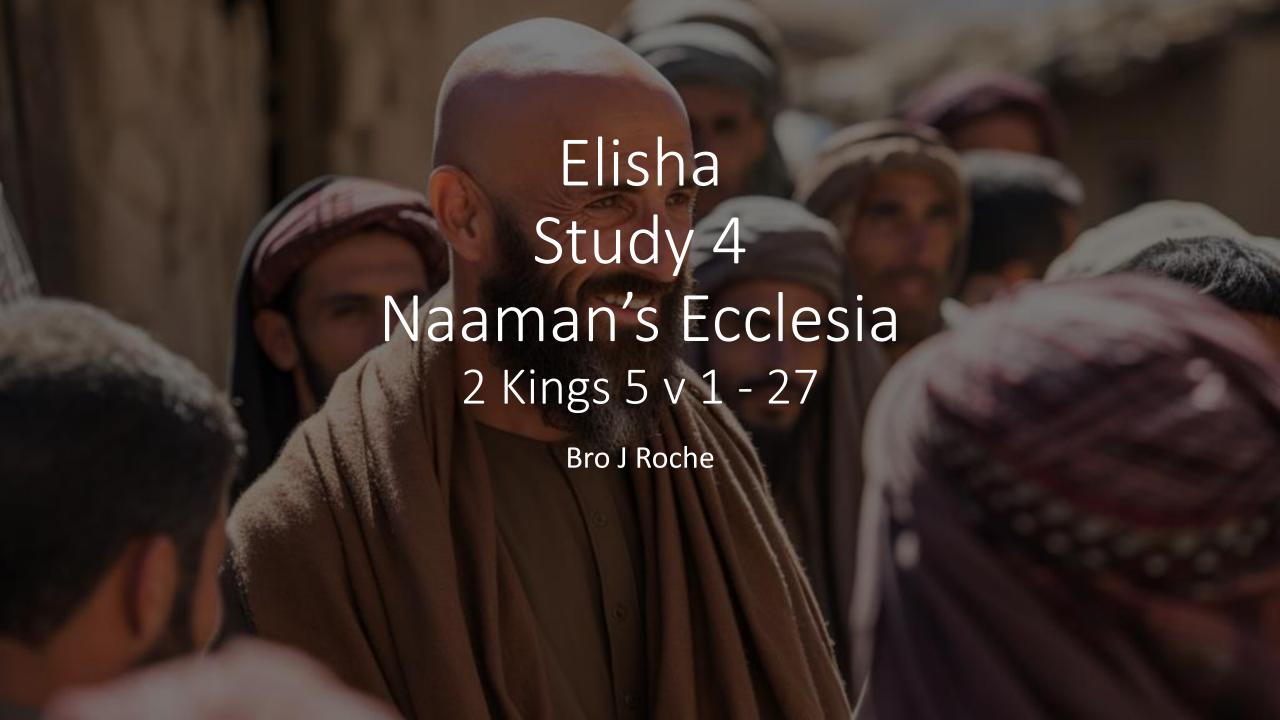
If you want to **save** your life, you will **destroy** it. But if you **give up** your life for me, you will **find it**.

What will you gain, if you own the whole world but destroy yourself? What would you give to get back your life?

The Son of Man will soon come in the glory of his Father and with his angels to reward all people for what they have done.

Mat 16 v 24-27







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Silver and gold

Later, Naaman went to inform his master and told him something like this: "Thus and so spoke the young woman from the territory of Israel."

The king of Aram replied, "Go now, and I'll send a letter to the king of Israel." So he left and took with him ten talents of silver and 6,000 units of gold, along with ten sets of clothing. 2 Kings 5 v 4-5



Am I God?

He also brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read as follows: "...and now as this letter finds its way to you, look! I've sent my servant Naaman to you so you may heal him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he ripped his clothes and cried out, "Am I God? Can I kill and give life? Is this man sending me a request to heal a man's leprosy? Let's think about this—he's looking for a reason to start a fight with me!"





A prophet in Israel

When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king and asked, "Why did you tear your clothes? Please, let the man come visit me and he will learn that there is a prophet in Israel!"

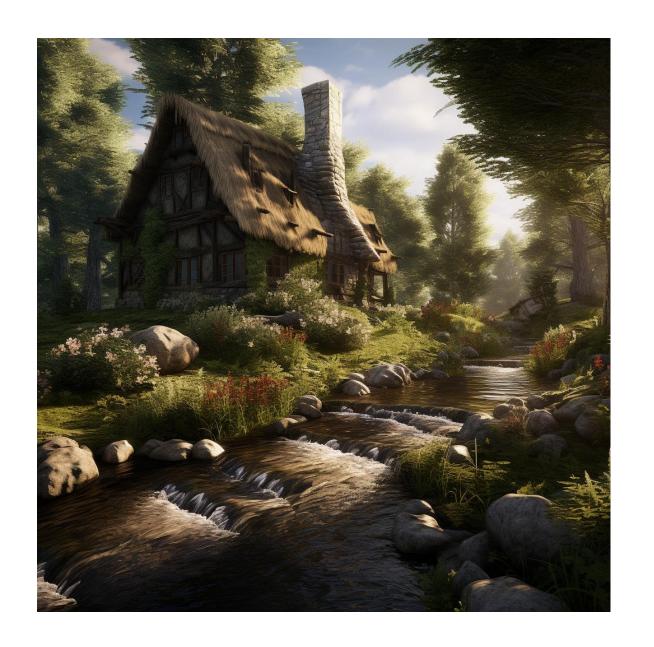
2 Kings 5 v 8

Go bathe...

Naaman left with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house.

Elisha sent someone outside to say to him, "Go wash seven times in the Jordan River. Then you'll be completely cured."

2 Kings 5 v 9 - 10



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But Naaman flew into a rage and left, telling himself, "Look! I thought 'He's surely going to come out to me, stand still, call out in the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the infection, and cure the leprosy!'

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...be clean

But then his servants approached him and spoke with him. They said, "My father, had the prophet only asked of you something great, you would have done it, wouldn't you? Yet he told you, 'Bathe, and be clean...!'

So he went down and plunged himself into the Jordan River seven times, just as the man of God had said, and his flesh rejuvenated like the flesh of a newborn child. And he was clean. 2 Kings 5 v 13 - 14

Naaman returns

Naaman went back to the man of God, along with his entire entourage, and stood before him. "Please look!" he said. "I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel! So please, take a present from your servant."

But Elisha replied, "As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will not receive anything from you." Though Naaman urged him to take it, Elisha declined.

2 Kings 5 v 15 - 16



Two cartloads of dirt please

So Naaman asked, "No? Then please let your servant load two mules with dirt from Israel, because your servant will no longer offer any burnt offering or sacrifice to any other god but the LORD.

In this one area may the LORD pardon your servant: Whenever my master enters the temple of Rimmon to worship there, he will lean on my hand while I bow down in the temple of Rimmon. So may the LORD pardon your servant in this one area."

2 Kings 5 v 17 - 18





His leprosy will cling to you

But Elisha responded, "Didn't my heart break as the man was turning from his chariot to greet you? Is now the time to receive money? To receive clothes? And olive groves, vineyards, sheep, oxen, servants, or female attendants?

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2 Kings 5 v 26 - 27



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Dothan

The king of Aram flew into a rage over this, so he called in his advisors and asked them, "Will you please tell me which of us has joined the king of Israel?"

"No, your majesty!" One of his servants said. "Elisha the prophet, who lives in Israel, tells the king of Israel what you talk about in your bedroom!"

So the king ordered, "Go and discover where he is, so I may send men to take him into custody." Later somebody told him, "Look! He's in Dothan!"





Send the best

So the king of Aram sent out horses, chariots, and **an elite force**, and they arrived during the night and surrounded the city.

Meanwhile, the attendant to the man of God got up early in the morning and went outside, and there were the **elite forces**, surrounding the city, accompanied by horses and chariots! So Elisha's attendant cried out to him, "Oh no! Master! What will we do!?" 2 Kings 6 v 14 - 15

Make him see

Elisha replied, "Stop being afraid, because there are more with us than with them!"

Then Elisha prayed, asking the LORD, "Please make him able to really see!" And so when the LORD enabled the young man to see, he looked, and there was the mountain, filled with horses and fiery chariots surrounding Elisha! 2 Kings 6 v 16 - 17





