Advance Toward The Enemy Sun Am 5/1/22

2 Kings 7 NKJV

7 Then Elisha said, “Hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord: ‘Tomorrow about this time a seah of fine flour *shall be sold* for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, at the gate of Samaria.’ ”

2So an officer on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God and said, “Look, *if* the Lord would make windows in heaven, could this thing be?”And he said, “In fact, you shall see *it* with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it.”

3Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said to one another, “Why are we sitting here until we die?

4If we say, ‘We will enter the city,’ the famine *is* in the city, and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. Now therefore, come, let us surrender to the army of the Syrians. If they keep us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall only die.”

5And they rose at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians; and when they had come to the outskirts of the Syrian camp, to their surprise no one *was* there.

6For the Lord had caused the army of the Syrians to hear the noise of chariots and the noise of horses—the noise of a great army; so they said to one another, “Look, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians to attack us!”

7Therefore they arose and fled at twilight, and left the camp intact—their tents, their horses, and their donkeys—and they fled for their lives.

8And when these lepers came to the outskirts of the camp, they went into one tent and ate and drank, and carried from it silver and gold and clothing, and went and hid *them;* then they came back and entered another tent, and carried *some* from there *also,* and went and hid *it.*

9Then they said to one another, “We are not doing right. This day *is* a day of good news, and we remain silent. If we wait until morning light, some punishment will come upon us. Now therefore, come, let us go and tell the king’s household.”

10So they went and called to the gatekeepers of the city, and told them, saying, “We went to the Syrian camp, and surprisingly no one *was* there, not a human sound—only horses and donkeys tied, and the tents intact.”

11And the gatekeepers called out, and they told *it* to the king’s household inside.

12So the king arose in the night and said to his servants, “Let me now tell you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we *are* hungry; therefore they have gone out of the camp to [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2kings+7%3A1-20&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-9720c)]hide themselves in the field, saying, ‘When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.’ ”

13And one of his servants answered and said, “Please, let several *men* take five of the remaining horses which are left in the city. Look, they *may either become* like all the multitude of Israel that are left in it; or indeed, *I say,* they *may become* like all the multitude of Israel left from those who are consumed; so let us send them and see.”

14Therefore they took two chariots with horses; and the king sent them in the direction of the Syrian army, saying, “Go and see.”

15And they went after them to the Jordan; and indeed all the road *was* full of garments and weapons which the Syrians had thrown away in their haste. So the messengers returned and told the king.

16Then the people went out and plundered the tents of the Syrians. So a seah of fine flour was *sold* for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the Lord.

17Now the king had appointed the officer on whose hand he leaned to have charge of the gate. But the people trampled him in the gate, and he died, just as the man of God had said, who spoke when the king came down to him.

18So it happened just as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, “Two seahs of barley for a shekel, and a seah of fine flour for a shekel, shall be *sold* tomorrow about this time in the gate of Samaria.”

19Then that officer had answered the man of God, and said, “Now look, *if* the Lord would make windows in heaven, could such a thing be?”And he had said, “In fact, you shall see *it* with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it.”

20And so it happened to him, for the people trampled him in the gate, and he died.

 *Advance toward the enemy when times look hard, the enemy always flees.*

2 Kings 7:12 NKJV12So the king arose in the night and said to his servants, “Let me now tell you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we *are* hungry; therefore they have gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, ‘When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.’ ”

#  *They could not figure out what God could or would do. Give to God(His servants)if it’s your last cent.*

# 1 Kings 17:8-16 NKJV

# 8Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying,

# 9“Arise, go to Zarephath, which *belongs* to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.”

# 10So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow *was* there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink.”

# 11And as she was going to get *it,* he called to her and said, “Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.”

# 12So she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I *am* gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.”

# 13And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go *and* do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring *it* to me; and afterward make *some* for yourself and your son.

# 14For thus says the Lord God of Israel: ‘The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.’ ”

# 15So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for *many* days.

# 16The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke by Elijah.

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#  *Elijah did not ask for the cake to keep himself from starving, but to obligate God to her. He motivated her with the Word of God’s promise, not his great need. Jesus is just as ready to ask all of a poor widow as He is a rich young ruler, the end result is the same – the flowing of God’s abundance.*

# 1 Samuel 17:34-50 NKJV

# 34But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep his father’s sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock,

# 35I went out after it and struck it, and delivered *the lamb* from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught *it* by its beard, and struck and killed it.

# 36Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God.”

#  37Moreover David said, “The Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.”And Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you!”

# 38So Saul clothed David with his armor, and he put a bronze helmet on his head; he also clothed him with a coat of mail.

# 39David fastened his sword to his armor and tried to walk, for he had not tested *them.* And David said to Saul, “I cannot walk with these, for I have not tested *them.*” So David took them off.

# 40Then he took his staff in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd’s bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand. And he drew near to the Philistine.

# 41So the Philistine came, and began drawing near to David, and the man who bore the shield *went* before him.

# 42And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was *only* a youth, ruddy and good-looking.

# 43So the Philistine said to David, “*Am* I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

# 44And the Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!”

# 45Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

# 46This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

# 47Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle *is* the Lord’s, and He will give you into our hands.”

# 48So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

# 49Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung *it* and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth.

# 50So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But *there was* no sword in the hand of David.