



A Fresh Start...

*And A Beautiful
New Beginning*

THE GOOD SHUNAMMITE WOMAN



8:1-6

THE BAD SYRIAN SOLDIER

8:7-15





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KINGS

931 BC

-842 BC-

SOLOMON

Jeroboam I

Omri

Nadab

Ahab

Baasha

Ahaziah

Elah, Zimri, Tibni

Johoram

**Northern
Kings:**



Elisha and the Shunammite
2 Kings 4:8-37





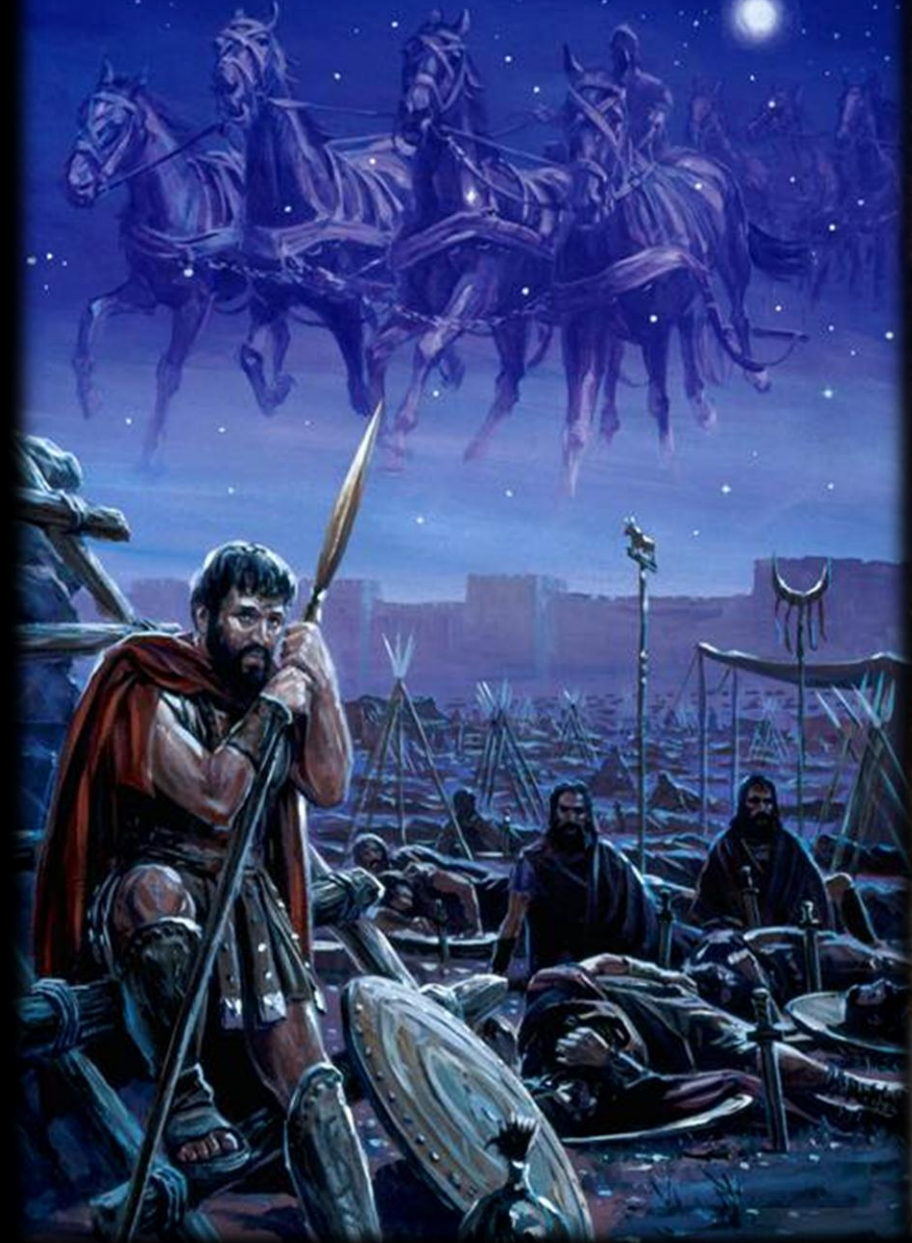


**King Ahab
takes Naboth's
field with the
murderous help
of evil Jezebel**

I Kgs. 21



Timed to the minute!



He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward."

Matt. 10:40-42



*Exile of
Remnant*

*Return of
Remnant*

*Restoration
by Royal
Decree*

*The Shunammite woman somewhat
foreshadows the future remnant's fate . . .*

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. . . Your son Ben-hadad king of Aram has sent me to you, saying, “Will I recover from this sickness?”



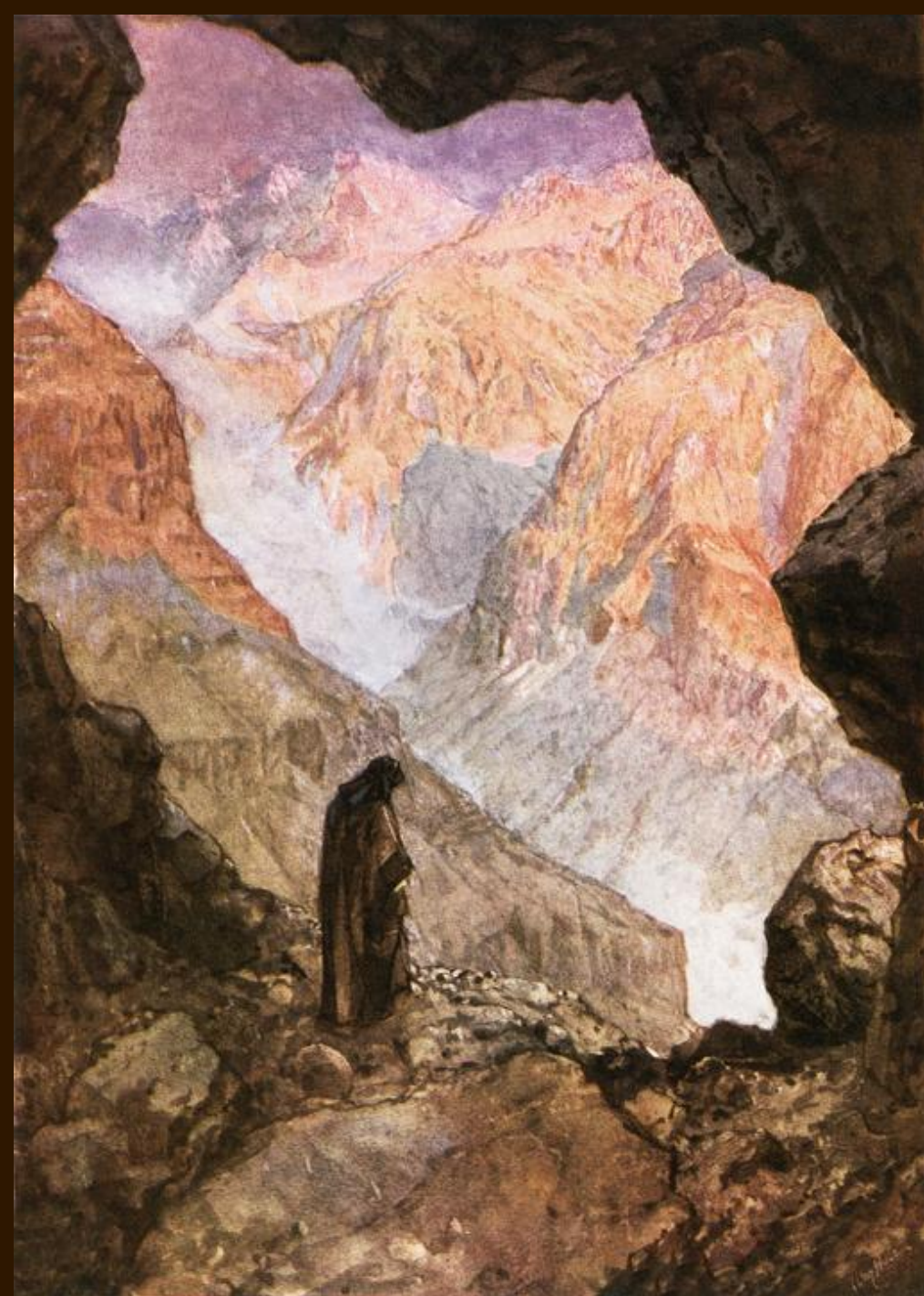
Johoram's older
brother, evil King
Ahaziah.

And Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber which was in Samaria, and became ill. So he sent messengers and said to them, "Go, inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I will recover from this sickness."

II Kgs. 1:2



Elisha's answer: (1) a paradoxical verbal affirmation, (2) a non verbal stare-down, (3) weeping and tells Hazael far more than what he expected to hear.



*The LORD said to him,
"Go, return on your
way to the wilderness
of Damascus, and when
you have arrived, you
shall anoint **Hazael** king
over Aram . . . the one
who escapes from the
sword of Hazael, Jehu
shall put to death, and
the one who escapes
from the sword of Jehu,
Elisha shall put to death.*

I Kgs. 19:15,17

*Say to them, “As I live!” declares the Lord GOD,
“I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked,
but rather that the wicked turn from his way
and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil
ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?”*

Ezk. 33:11



How really shocked was Hazael by Elisha's prediction?



**HAZAE . . .
MILITARISTIC
KING OF ARAM**

“Son of a nobody”



Tel Dan Stele
(dates to 2nd
half of 9th c.
BC.)

It boasts of
Aramean
victories over
Israel and
Judah.

In those days the LORD began to cut off portions from Israel; and Hazael defeated them throughout the territory of Israel; (10:32)

Then Hazael king of Aram went up and fought against Gath and captured it, and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem. (12:17)

So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and He gave them continually into the hand of Hazael king of Aram, and into the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael. (13:3)

Now Hazael king of Aram had oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz. (13:22)

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When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes. For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, and they will level you to the ground and your children within you . . ."

Lk. 19:41-44a