

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## THE PROPHET ELISHA

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### PART 5: UNBEARABLE PRESSURE

#### THE SIEGE OF SAMARIA

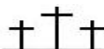
- After a few years, King Benhadad of Syria decided to attack and subdue the city of Samaria which was the capital for the ten northern tribes. **2 Kings 6:24**
- After having taken the countryside, the capital of Samaria was besieged, and there was a great famine in the city. **verses 25**
- The Bible informs us how terrible it was for the besieged inhabitants of Samaria. There was an unbearable pressure on King Joram, his political leaders, and the people. **verses 26-30**
- The Bible does not tell us about Elisha's feelings, but we do know that Joram and his leadership blamed the siege on the prophet, and as a result, they were ready to kill him. **verses 31**
- Elisha did not panic because he was secure in the fact that God was in total control. **verses 32-33**

#### A PROPHECY THAT DEFIED ALL LOGIC

Elisha prophesied that in less than 24 hours, the famine would be over, and there would be an abundance of food in the city. It was a bold move by Elisha to have the courage to bring this prophecy to Joram. This prophecy had nothing to do with the king getting right with God; rather, it was about God showing mercy to His people. **2 Kings 7:1-2**

#### THE STORY OF THE FOUR LEPERS

- God is sovereign and He will not share His glory with any man. In those days, lepers were separated from society, and reduced to beggars who had to live and fend for themselves. It was these outcasts that God chose to use to contact the Syrians. **verses 3-5**
- God supernaturally put fear in the Syrian soldiers, with the result that they were so frightened, that they panicked and ran for their lives, leaving even their horses which they rode upon. **verses 6-7**
- When the four lepers came to the camp, they found it empty, and greed took hold of them until the Holy Ghost put fear into them. **verses 8-9**
- King Joram could not believe the news; his faith in God was not there. **verses 10-12**
- Joram sent out some scouts to verify the leper's report and then the entire city population ran out to help themselves. The man that had withstood Elisha was killed just like the prophet had spoken. **verses 13-20**



## **WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM THIS HISTORICAL EVENT**

- ❑ During a person's life there will be pressure and stress. In the end times, it will increase to the point that many people will not be able to take it, but will break down and lose their faith in God. **Luke 21:25-26**
- ❑ Every Christian must make a decision to stand and fight or to cut and run. In ourselves we have no strength, the only thing we can do is to make a decision to stand and fight, and believe that God will come through in our lives. **Hebrews 12:1-4**

**Do you have an ear to hear with?**