

## God Speaks to Elisha

### I. Elisha, Elijah's Successor

1. Account of Elisha begins at Sinai  
God is speaking to Elijah – 1 Ki 19:11-14  
The Lord passes by in a great display of power  
Great wind tore up the rocks, an earthquake & fire  
But when God spoke it was in a low whisper – 15-16  
He is to anoint Hazael to be king over Syria  
He is to anoint Jehu to be king over Israel  
He is to anoint Elisha to be prophet in his place-  
19:16
2. The ministry of Elijah is to continue in Elisha  
Elijah anoints Elisha (19:19-21)  
Then Elisha anoints other two  
Note Elijah's cloak is cast on Elisha – 19:19  
Elisha asks for a double portion of Elijah's spirit –  
2 Ki 2:9-10  
If God allows him to see Elijah's departure – 10  
Elisha tore his clothes in two & took Elijah's cloak
3. Elisha used the cloak to part Jordan – 14  
This affirms that Elijah's power is on Elisha  
Sons of the prophets recognize this – 15
4. Transfer of power may suggest focus  
God's power in Elijah had dynamic focus  
God's power just as great in His low whisper  
Elisha' ministry seems to focus on God's gracious  
provision
5. Elisha promises victory over Moab – 2 Ki. 3  
Disassociates from Jehoram, son of Ahab – 3:13  
He will seek God only because of Jehoshaphat – 14  
Predicts that God will give them victory

### II. Elisha Ministers to Human Needs – 2 Ki. 4:1-6:7

1. Elisha and the widow's oil – 4:1-7  
Wife of one of "sons of the prophets"  
Husband is dead, creditor came to take 2 sons  
She has nothing but a jar of oil  
Elisha tells her to borrow jars from neighbors  
Poured oil into empty jars until all were full  
Sell the oil, pay debts, live on the rest
2. Elisha and Shunammite woman – 4:8-37  
Provided room for Elisha when traveling  
He promised her a son (she was barren)  
Working with his father he died of a stroke – 18-20  
She went to find Elisha, seeking his help  
Elisha came and restored him to life – 32-37
3. Elisha purifies deadly stew – 38-41  
In a famine he visits sons of prophets  
They prepare a pot of stew for dinner  
One of them gathered poisonous vine  
Elisha took flour & put it in the pot  
They were able to eat the stew  
A man brought food for prophets – 42-44  
Not enough for their 100 men

- Elisha promises some would be left over
4. Naaman is healed of leprosy – 2 ki. 5  
God's grace reaches a man in Syria  
He is commander of Syrian army – 5:1  
On a raid in Israel he took a little girl  
She became a servant to Naaman's wife  
She told them about prophet in Israel  
King gives Naaman leave to go to Israel  
Takes money to pay for his healing  
Elisha hears about the problem – 8  
Tells King of Israel, send him to me  
Elisha tells Naaman to wash in Jordan  
Do it 7 times and you will be healed  
He leaves angry feeling slighted – 11-12  
His men convince him to obey prophet  
He is completely healed  
Goes home believing Jehovah is God – 15
  5. Ax Head is recovered – 6:1-7

### Elisha In National Affairs – 2 Ki. 6:8-

1. Elisha & Syrian attacks on Israel – 6:8-23  
Elisha informs king of Israel of Syria's plans  
They were able to defend against Syria  
Syrians locate Elisha in Dothan & attack – 15-16  
Elisha asks God to open his servant's eyes – 17  
He saw mountain filled with horses & chariots of fire  
They surround Elisha with God's protection  
When Syrians attack Elisha prays for blindness  
on them  
Elisha leads them to Samaria & King of Israel
2. Israel in famine under siege of Syria – 6:24-7:20  
Elisha promises God will provide food  
God causes soldiers to hear an army – 7:6  
Syrians run and leave all their supplies  
Food is plentiful as Elisha had promised
3. King of Syria is seriously ill – 8:7-15  
Sends Hazael to Elisha, "Will I recover?"  
Elisha says "Lord says that he will die"  
Elisha weeps & Hazael questions him  
Weeps because evil Hazael will do to Israel  
God told Elisha Hazael will be king of Syria  
Hazael returns to Syria and kills the king
4. Jehu is anointed king of Israel – 9:1-10:36  
Elisha sends a prophet to anoint him  
Jehu assassinates king of Israel & Judah – 9:14-28
5. Jehu executes Jezebel – 9:30-37  
He next kills Ahab's descendants – 10:1-17  
As God had spoke through Elijah
6. Jehu assembled & killed Baal worshippers – 10:18-27  
As God said to Elijah at Mt. Sinai
7. Death and burial of Elisha – 13:20-21  
With God's power in evidence at his grave

