

Lesson 7
2 Kings 6:1-23

CHARIOTS OF FIRE

The Lost Ax Head (2 Kings 6:1-7)

84. What would have happened to the prophet who lost the ax head if he had been unable to recover it?

85. What is the link between this miracle and the multiplication of the widow's oil at the beginning of chapter 4?

The King of Aram Conspires to Capture Elisha (2 Kings 6:8-14)

86. How had Elisha frustrated the tactics of the king of Aram? How was Elisha able to do this?

87. Why was Elisha assisting Joram, the wicked king of Israel?

88. What did the king of Aram order his men to do? Why did his plan fail?

89. Why is the omniscience of God frightening? Why is it comforting?

The Arameans are Blinded and Captured (2 Kings 6:15-23)

90. Consider the exchange between the servant and Elisha recorded in 2 Kings 6:15-17.

a. “Oh, my lord, what shall we do?” How often do you feel like Elisha’s servant? What in your life causes you to react like this?

b. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” What did Elisha mean by these words? What does this mean for us today?

c. “O LORD, open his eyes so he may see.” What does this prayer mean for us today (see 2 Corinthians 5:7)?

91. When had Elisha seen horses and chariots of fire before? Who or what are the horses and chariots of fire?

92. How did Elisha trick the Aramean army?

93. Why did Elisha spare the Arameans? How did Arameans react according to 2 Kings 6:23? What did they do in verse 24? What do these two verses teach us about ourselves?

Where is Jesus?

94. What does the miracle of the floating ax head teach us about the redemptive work of Christ?
95. Whom did Elisha feed in 2 Kings 4:42-44? Whom did he feed in 2 Kings 6:23? How do these two incidents illustrate Christ's words in Matthew 8:11?
96. Read the story of the healing of the man born blind in John 9, especially verses 1-7 and 35-38. How was this miracle restorative? How was it eschatological? How does this miracle help us better understand the theme of blindness and sight in 2 Kings 6:15-23?
97. Compare 2 Kings 6:13-14 to Matthew 26:3-4. Now compare 2 Kings 6:15-17 to Matthew 26:50b-54. What similarities and differences do you see between these narratives of Elisha and Jesus? Why didn't Christ "activate" the invisible army that surrounded him as Elisha had done before?

98. How does Elisha's mercy to the Aramean army anticipate Paul's teaching in Romans 5:6-8?