

# A King-A Prophet- 4 Men with a Skin Disease-An Abandoned Camp The Odd Salvation of a City

2 Kings 6:32 – 2 Kings 7:20

Yahweh - The Covenant God of Commitment and Promise

Jehoram – Yahweh is exalted or Joram (a large drinking vessel. Joram was a man who brought gold and silver vessels to David. It also means exalted by God.

Elisha – God is my salvation or God saves.

It might be helpful to remember the “horsemen and the chariots of God” are part of this same story.

Questions:

1. What mix of lessons relevant to this discussion do you think Jehoram might have had the opportunity to learn as the son of Ahab?
2. For instance, what do you think his parents might have taught him about famines?
3. What do you think he might have learned about dealing with prophets?
4. What are the ways Elisha’s experience with Elijah might have helped him with this time in Samaria?
5. What do you think it was like for Elisha to have the name he had in the middle of a famine?

*Nae worries! Dinna fash yersel!*

## **Elisha and the king’s henchman**

Questions:

1. What do you make of the king’s messenger using the covenant name of God in his threats to Elisha?
2. Do you think he was doing what Jehoram told him to do?
3. Why do you think he didn’t repent and apologize?

## **The Scene Shifts**

Note: This skin disease does not seem to have been leprosy but, as you remember from our time of Jesus discussions...all skin diseases got people quarantined. (Too bad for those of us who had acne).

Questions:

1. What do you think of the thought process of these men?
2. What do you think of their characters?
3. What do you think of the fact that the narrator mentions the name of Yahweh but the four men never do?
4. What do you think of Yahweh having the Syrians hear the sounds of chariots and horsemen than Elisha's servant saw? (in terms of literary devices that is quite the contrast in terms of reactions).
5. Verses 9-11 What do you think of the moral journey of the quarantined men?

## **The Scene Shifts**

**Vs 12**

Questions

1. Why do you think this son of Ahab would respond thus?
2. What do you think of Jehoram's advisors?
3. What do you think of a king (who has had solid experience of prophets) placing his henchman at the gate where he for sure would be trampled?
4. Where do you think you would have been in this story?

## **A final question?**

How many of these questions do you think we will get through?

See you soon!

I wish for you unexpected gentle blessings.

Catherine