



ELIJAH & ELISHA

Lessons In Faith



LESSON 9

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REVIEW

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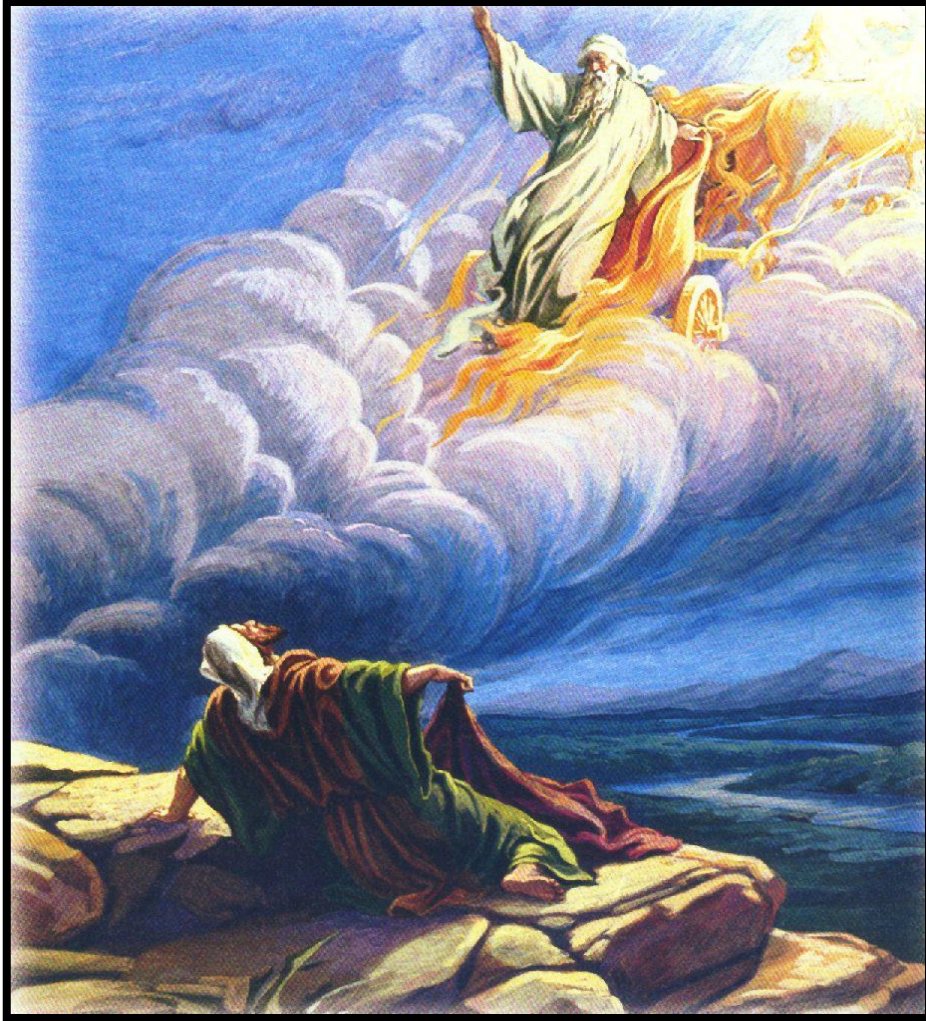
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Elisha Divided The Jordan



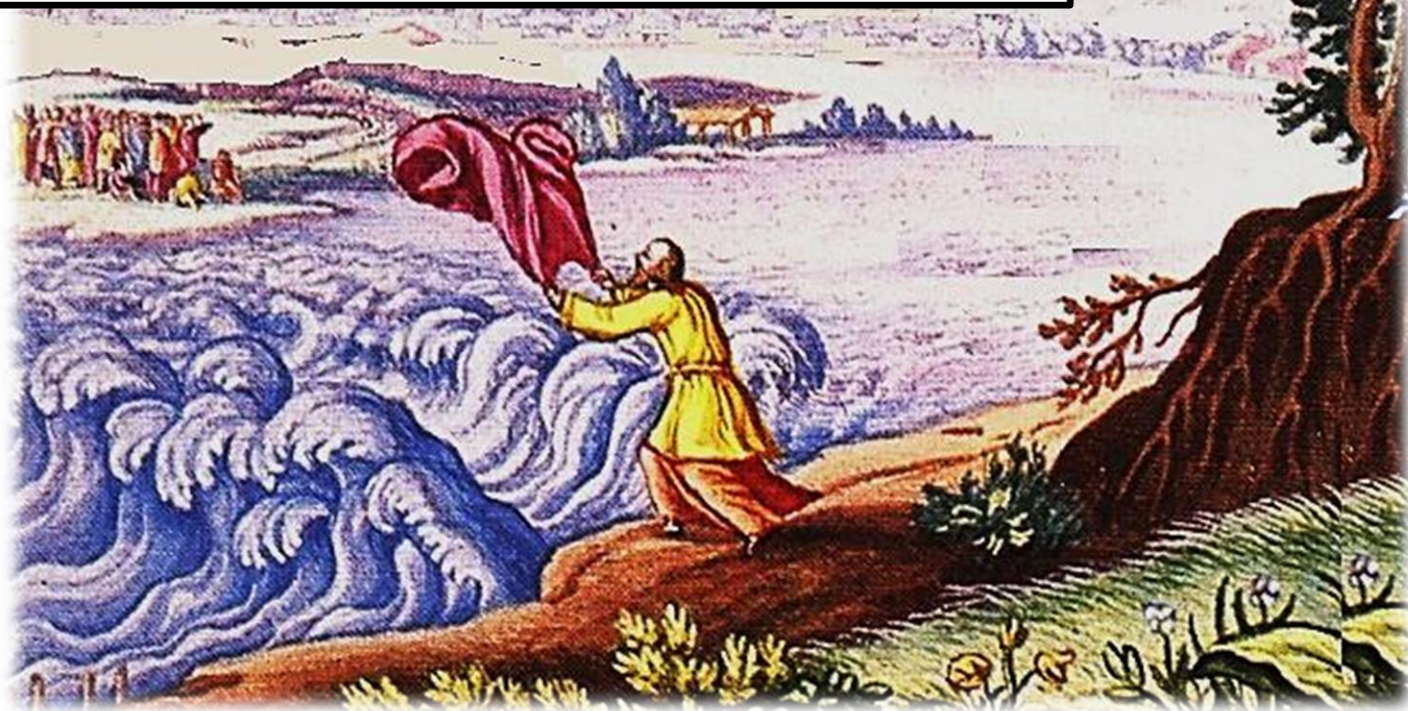
2 Kings 2:1-13

Elisha saw Elijah taken up in a chariot by a whirlwind. This was the sign he would be granted a double portion of the spirit of Elijah.

Elijah's cloak had fallen from him, and Elisha used it to part the Jordan River.

2 Kings 2

“¹³He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;
¹⁴And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.”



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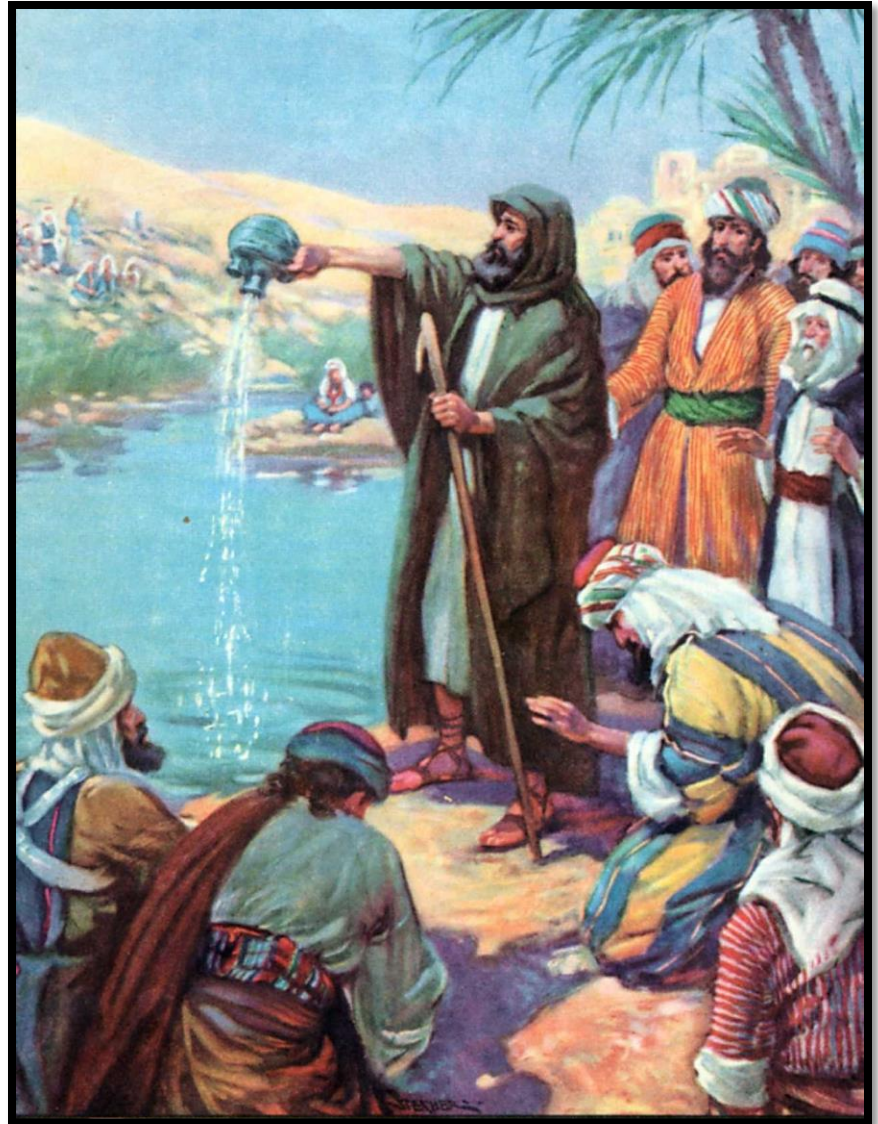
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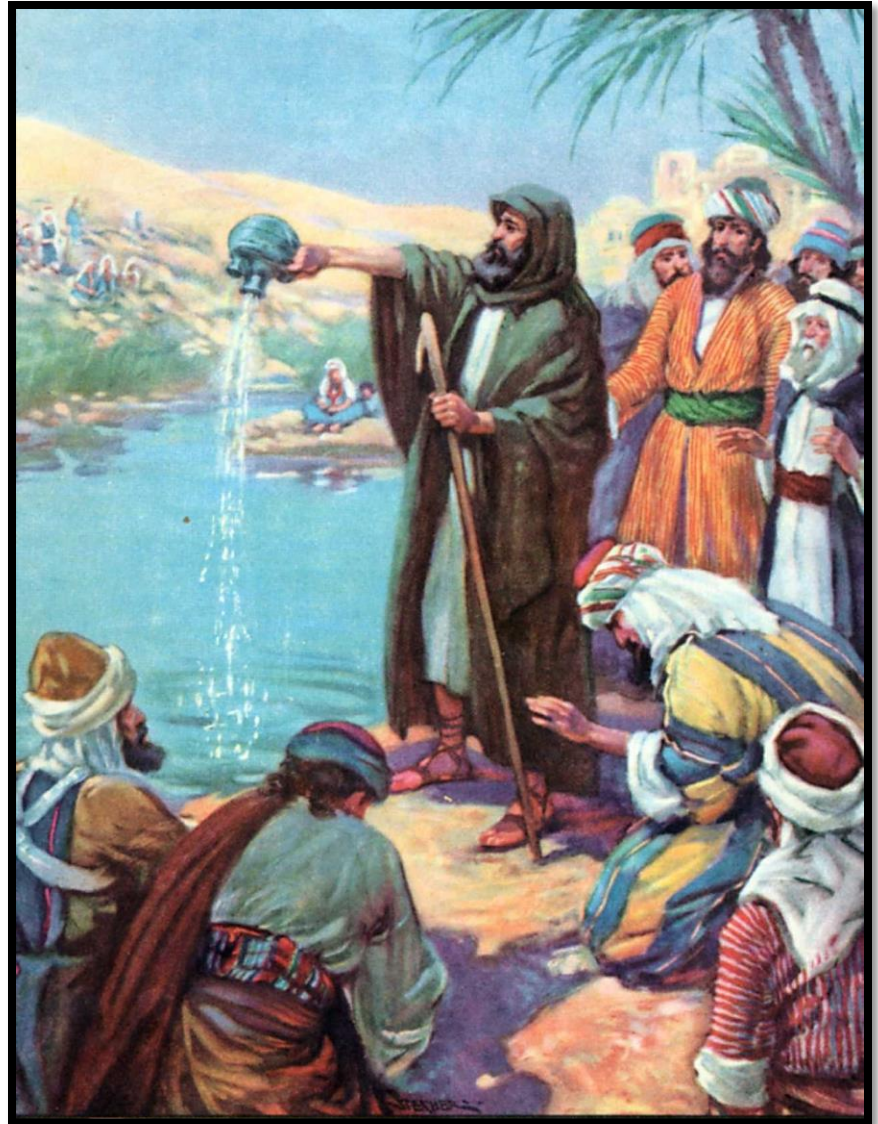
“¹⁹And the men of the city said unto Elisha, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is naught, and the ground barren.”



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2 Kings 2

“²⁰And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought it to him. ²¹And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, Thus saith the LORD, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land. ²²So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spake.”



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A Curse On The Children Of Bethel

At Bethel there was a school of prophets that welcomed Elisha with all possible respect, but the townsmen were abusive to him.

One of King Jeroboam's calves was at Bethel; the people were proud of their idol and hated those that reprovved them.

We may suppose it was their usual practice to jeer the prophets as they went along the streets, to call them names and try to drive them out of their town.



A Curse On The Children Of Bethel

2 Chronicles 36

“¹⁶But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets. . . .”



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2 Kings 2

“²⁴And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.
²⁵And he went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence he returned to Samaria.”



A Curse On The Children Of Bethel

Elisha summoned God to curse the children. The prophet must have been justified, for it was immediately that the bears came and killed 42 children. The death of these children punished the parents who had taught their children foul names, bad language, and disrespect of God's prophets.



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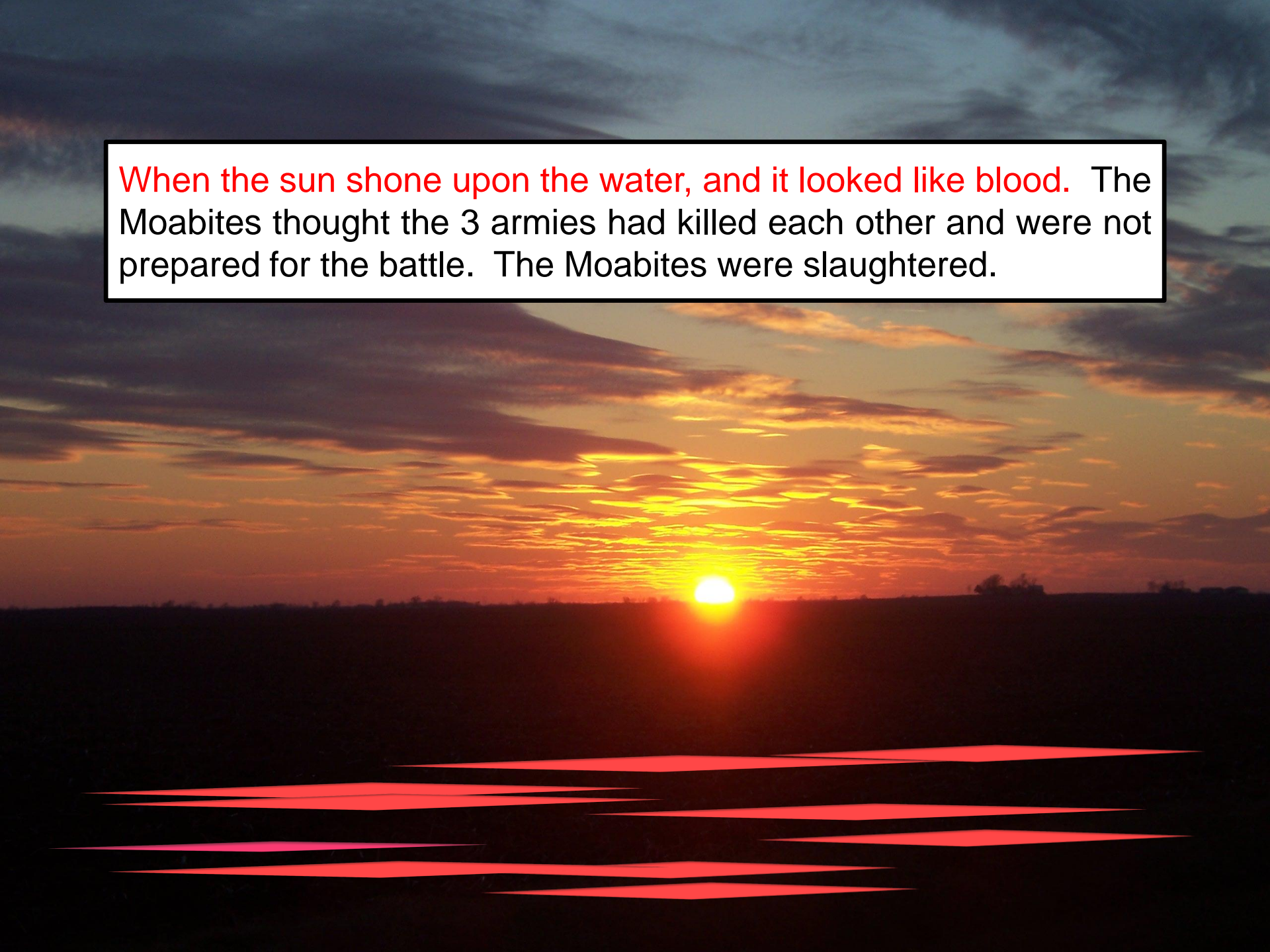
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Jehoram king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah compelled the king of Edom to join them in an attack upon the Moabites. After 7 days journey to Moab the 3 armies were thirsty, but there was no water. Elisha was there, and they asked him to call upon the LORD for help. God told Elisha to have the armies dig ditches. The next morning the ditches were filled with water.

When the sun shone upon the water, and it looked like blood. The Moabites thought the 3 armies had killed each other and were not prepared for the battle. The Moabites were slaughtered.



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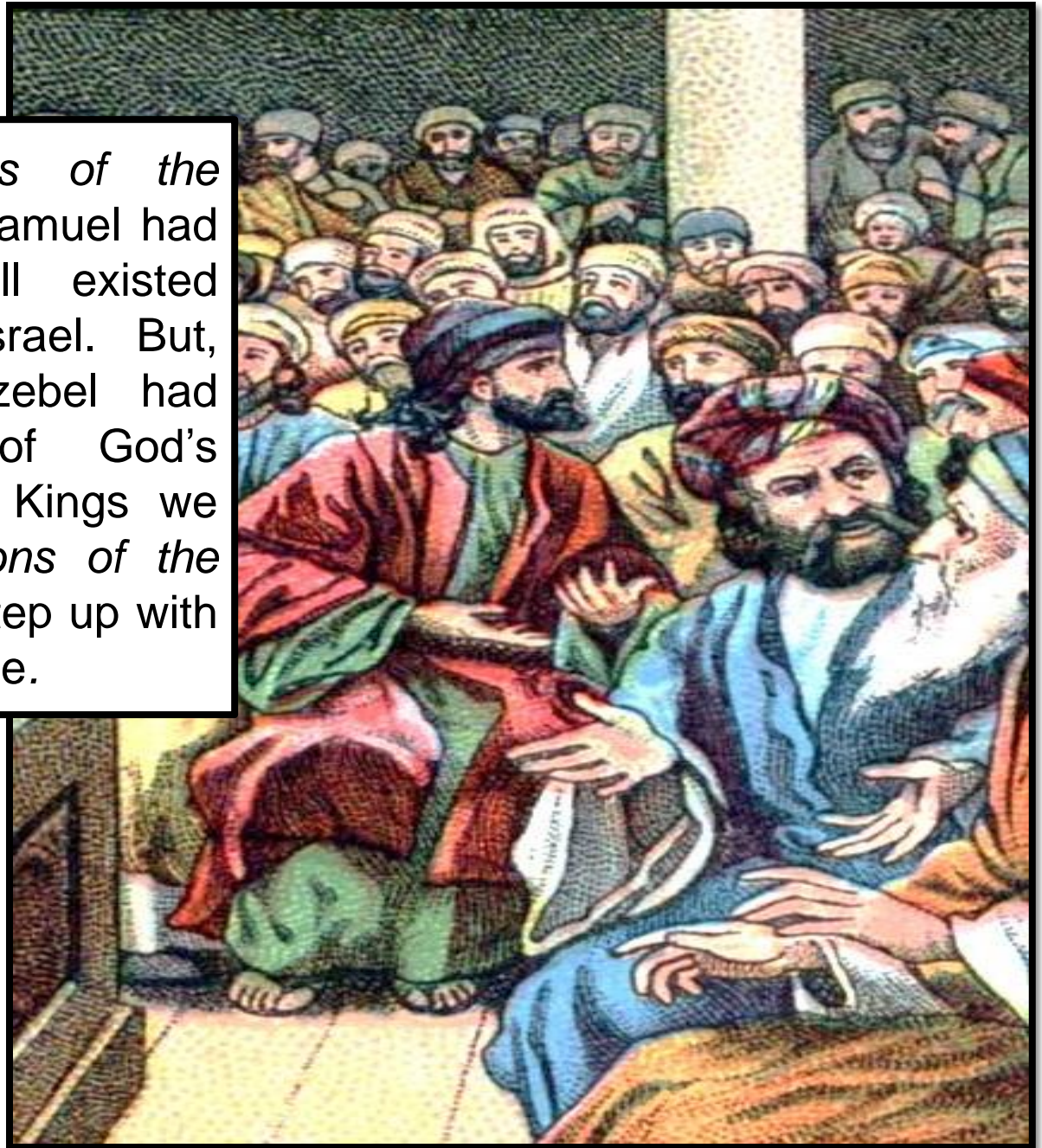
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II KINGS 4:1-37

The *schools of the prophets* that Samuel had established still existed through out Israel. But, Ahab and Jezebel had killed most of God's prophets! In II Kings we read of the *sons of the prophets* who step up with faith and courage.



2 Kings 4

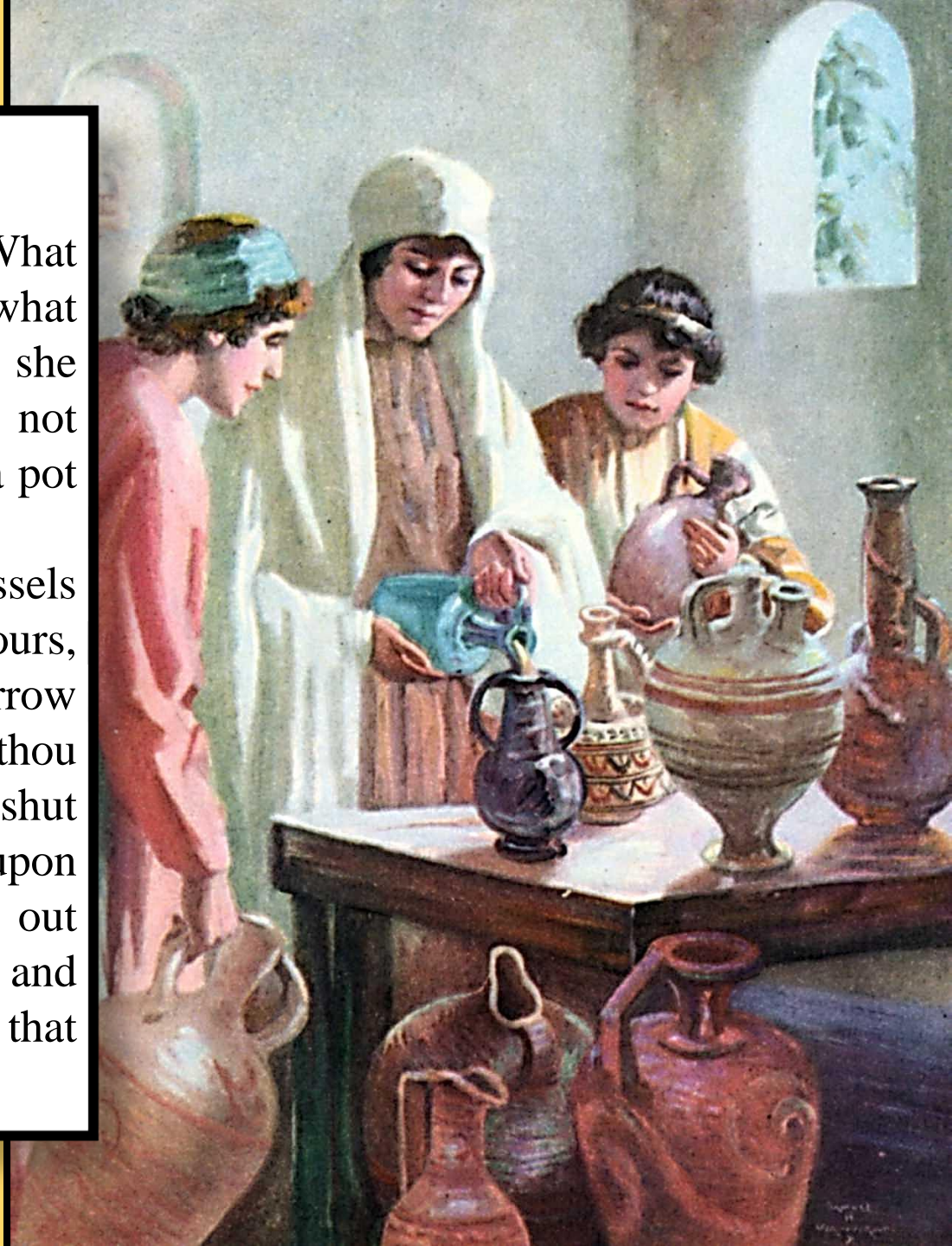
“¹Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.”



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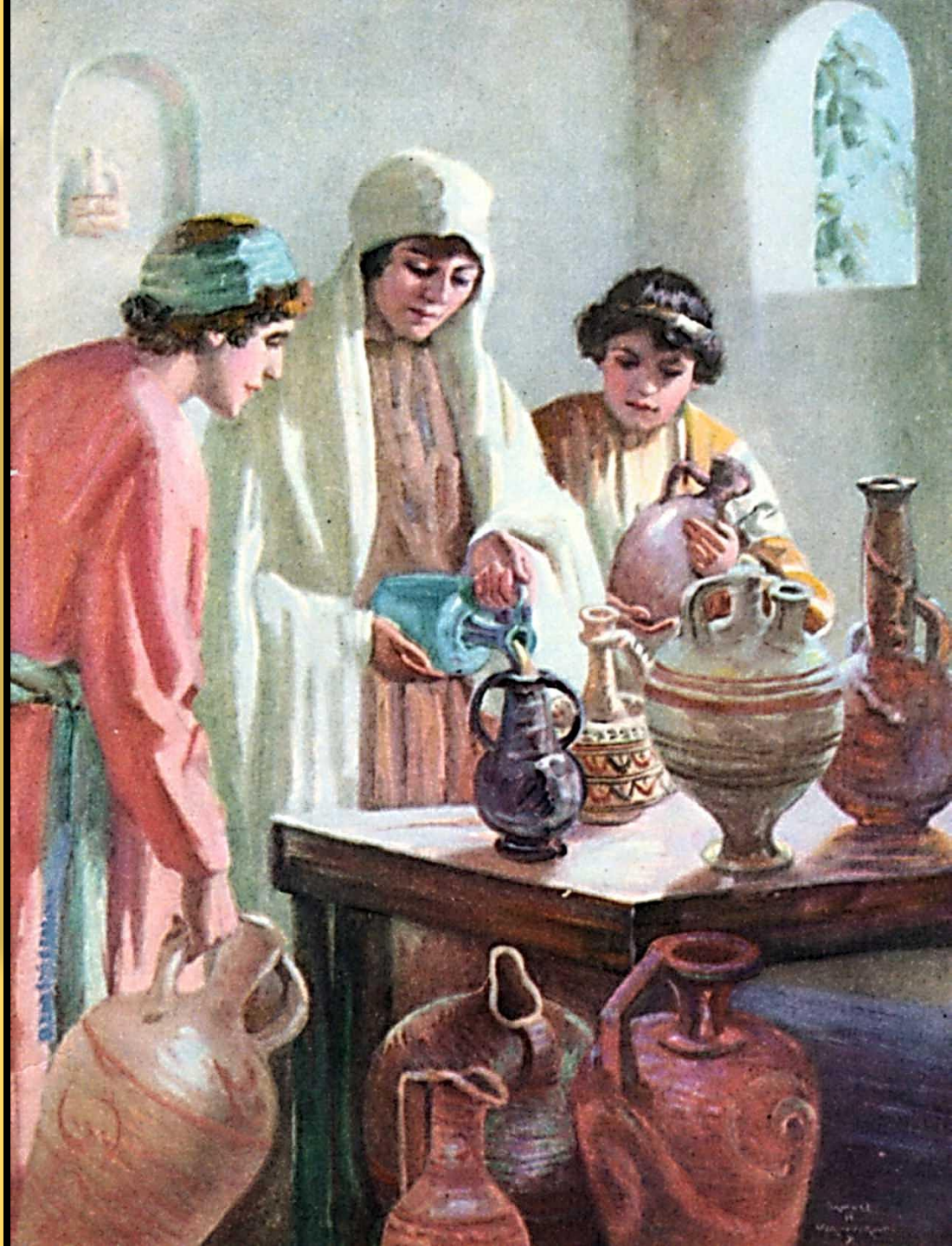
“²And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil. ³Then he said,

Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few. ⁴And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.”



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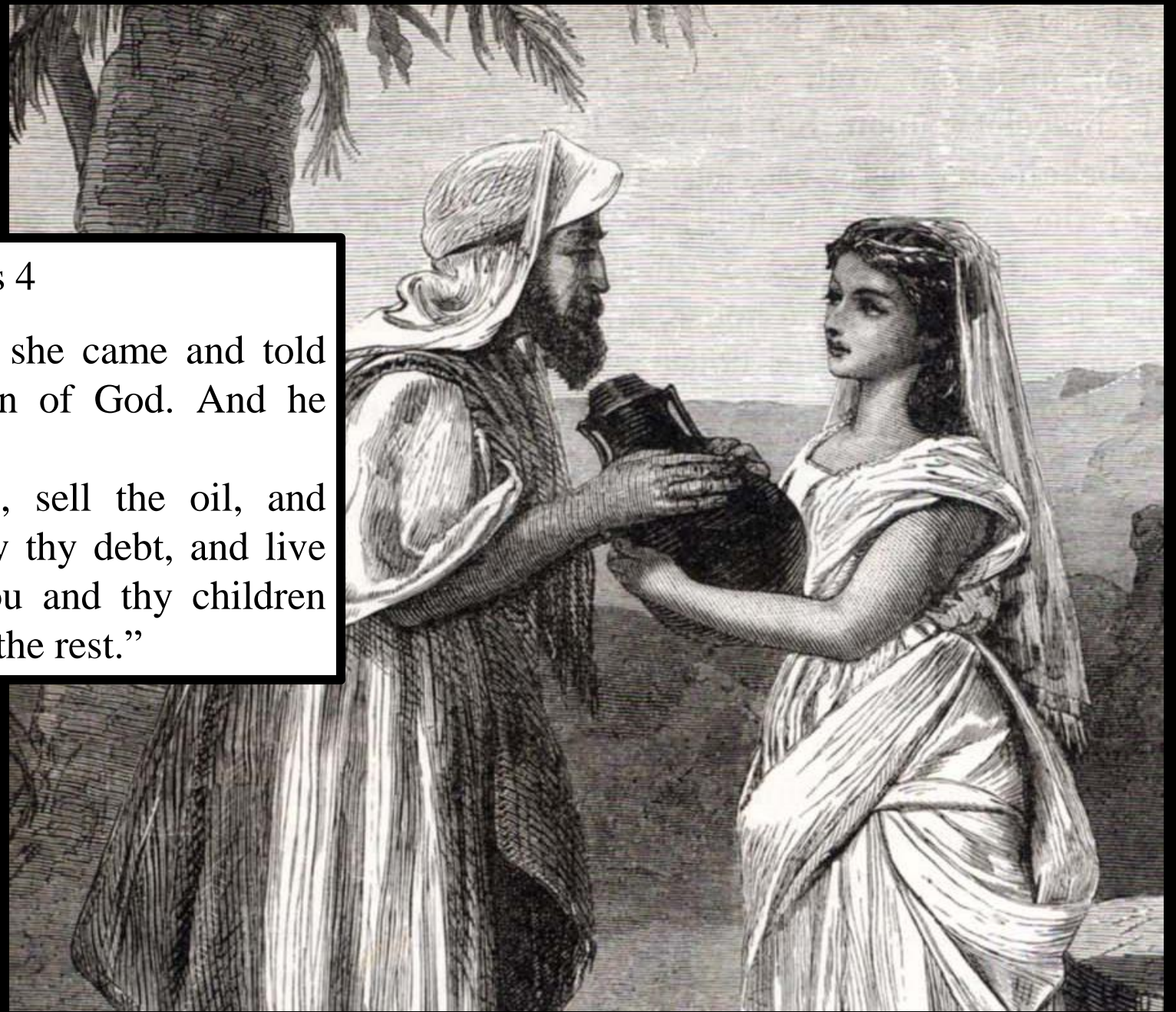
“⁵So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out. ⁶And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.”



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“⁷Then she came and told the man of God. And he said,

Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.”



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As Elisha traveled in his service to the LORD he met a kind woman, and her husband that first offered him food, and then in time they actually made a room especially for him, because they recognized that he was a man of God.



An illustration of an interior room. On the left, a window with a lattice pattern looks out onto a bright sky. On the windowsill, there is a red vase and a blue vase with pink flowers. A large, striped cushion in shades of green, purple, and yellow is draped over the edge of the window. In the foreground, a small wooden table stands on a patterned rug. The walls are made of wood panels.

2 Kings 4

“⁸And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread. ⁹And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually. ¹⁰Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.”

Elisha had a servant, Gehazi, that traveled with him, and Elisha had him ask the woman how they could repay her kindness. Gehazi said, "Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old." So Elisha called her and told her she would have a child.



2 Kings 4

“¹¹And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there. ¹²And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him. ¹³And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people. ¹⁴And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.”



2 Kings 4

“¹⁵And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door. ¹⁶And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid. ¹⁷And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.”



2 Kings 4

“¹⁸And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers. ¹⁹And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.”



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“²⁰And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.”



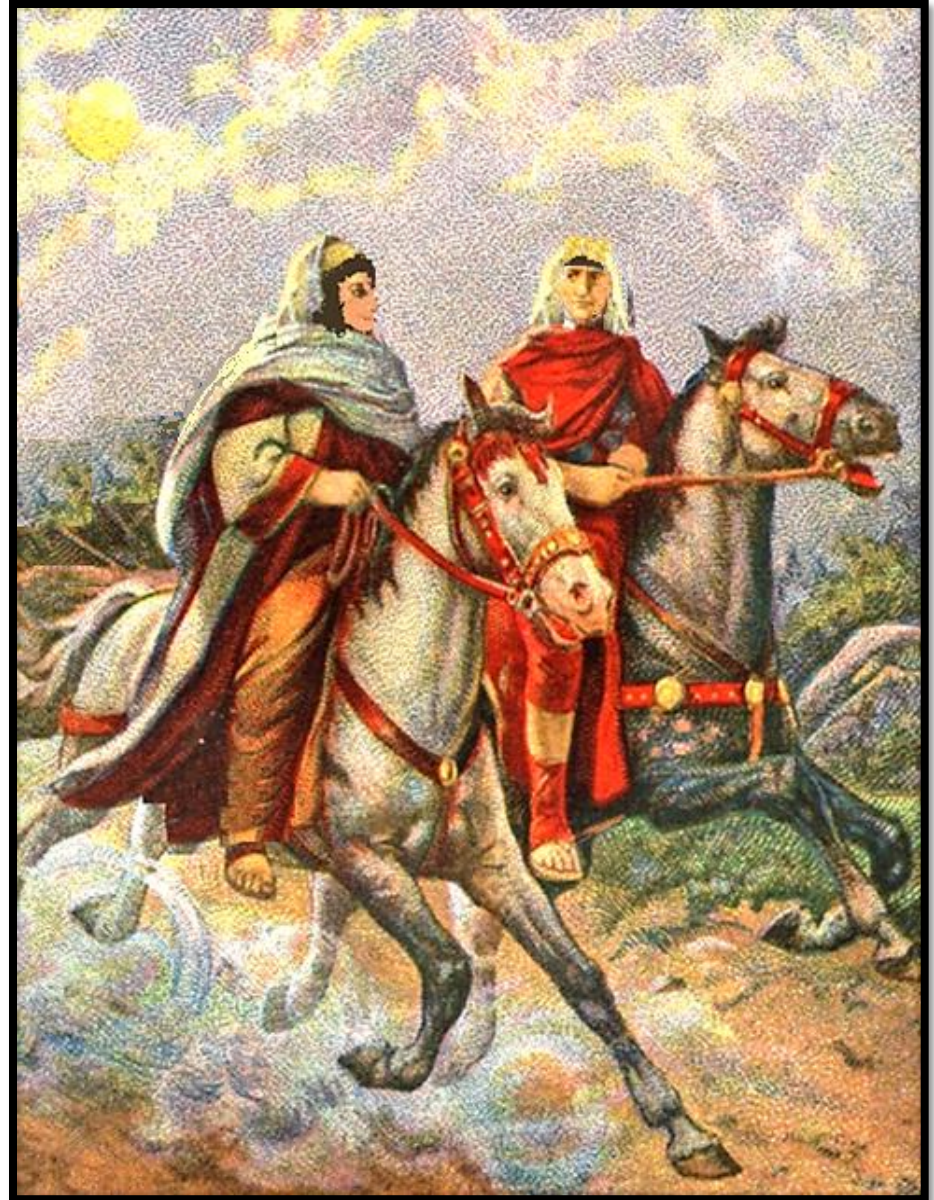
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“²¹And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out. ²²And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.”



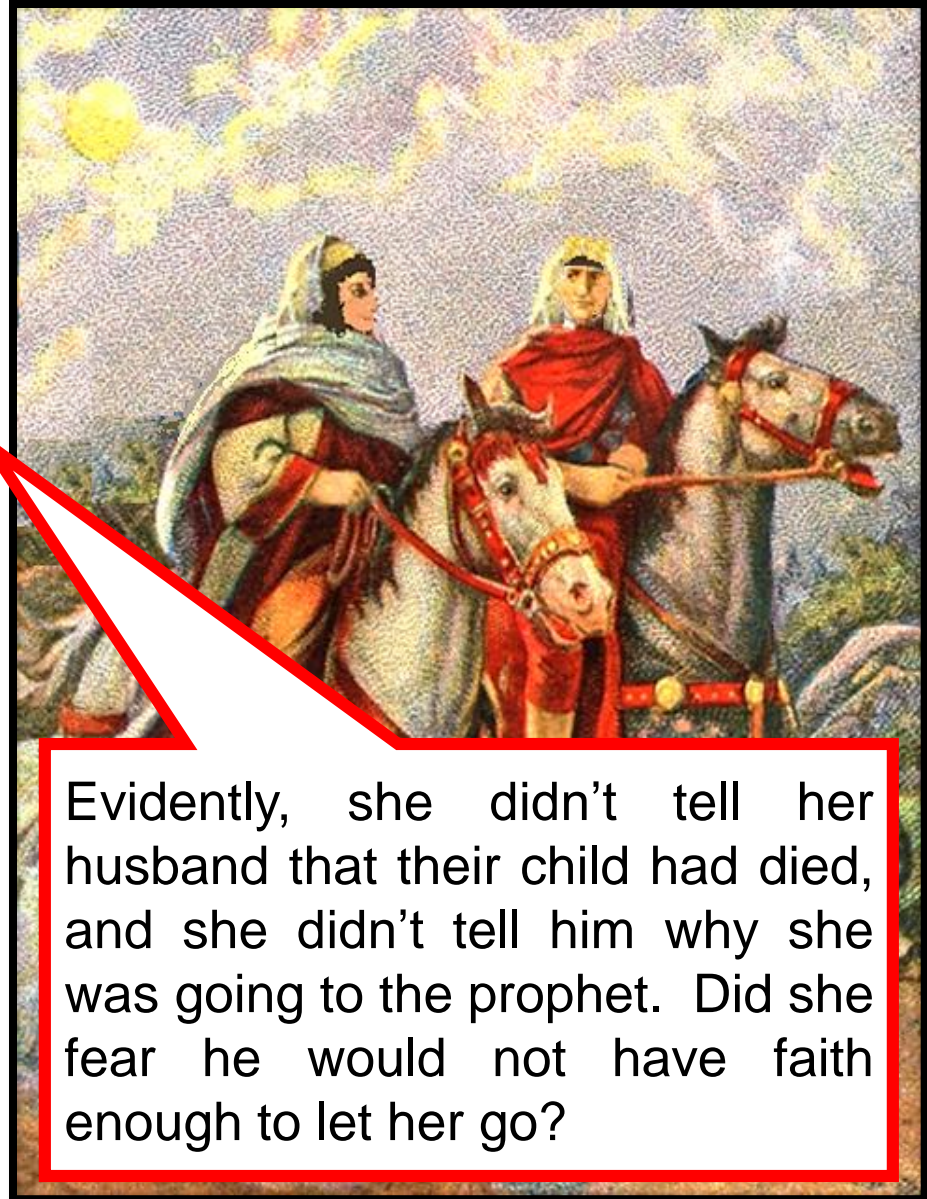
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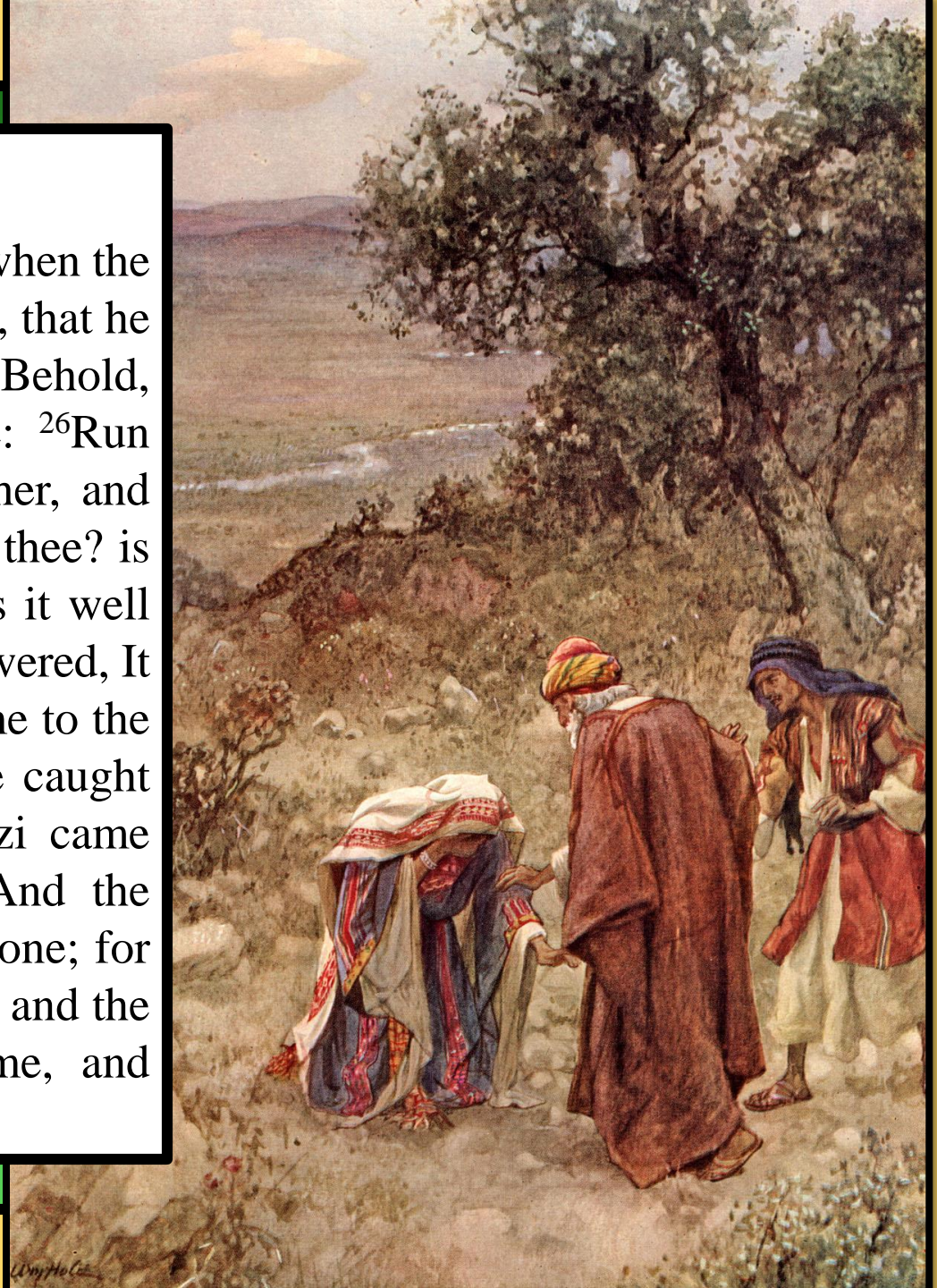
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Evidently, she didn't tell her husband that their child had died, and she didn't tell him why she was going to the prophet. Did she fear he would not have faith enough to let her go?

2 Kings 4

“²⁵. . . And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite: ²⁶Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well. ²⁷And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul is vexed within her: and the LORD hath hid it from me, and hath not told me.”



2 Kings 4

“²⁸Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me?”





2 Kings 4

“²⁹Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child.”

2 Kings 4

“³⁰And the mother of the child said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her. ³¹And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked. ³²And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed. ”



2 Kings 4

“³²And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed. ³³He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD. ³⁴And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child and the flesh of the child waxed warm.”



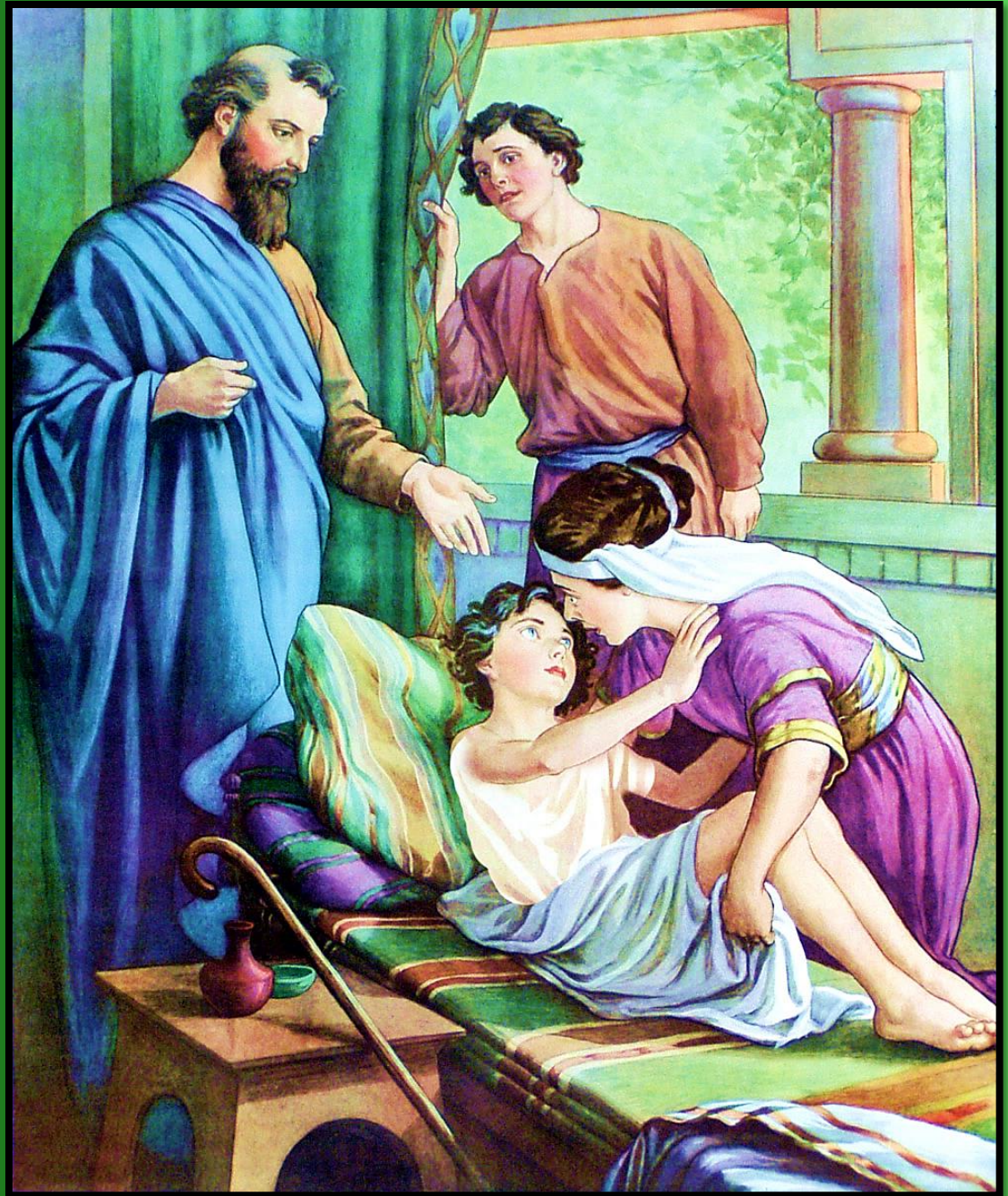
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“³⁵Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.”

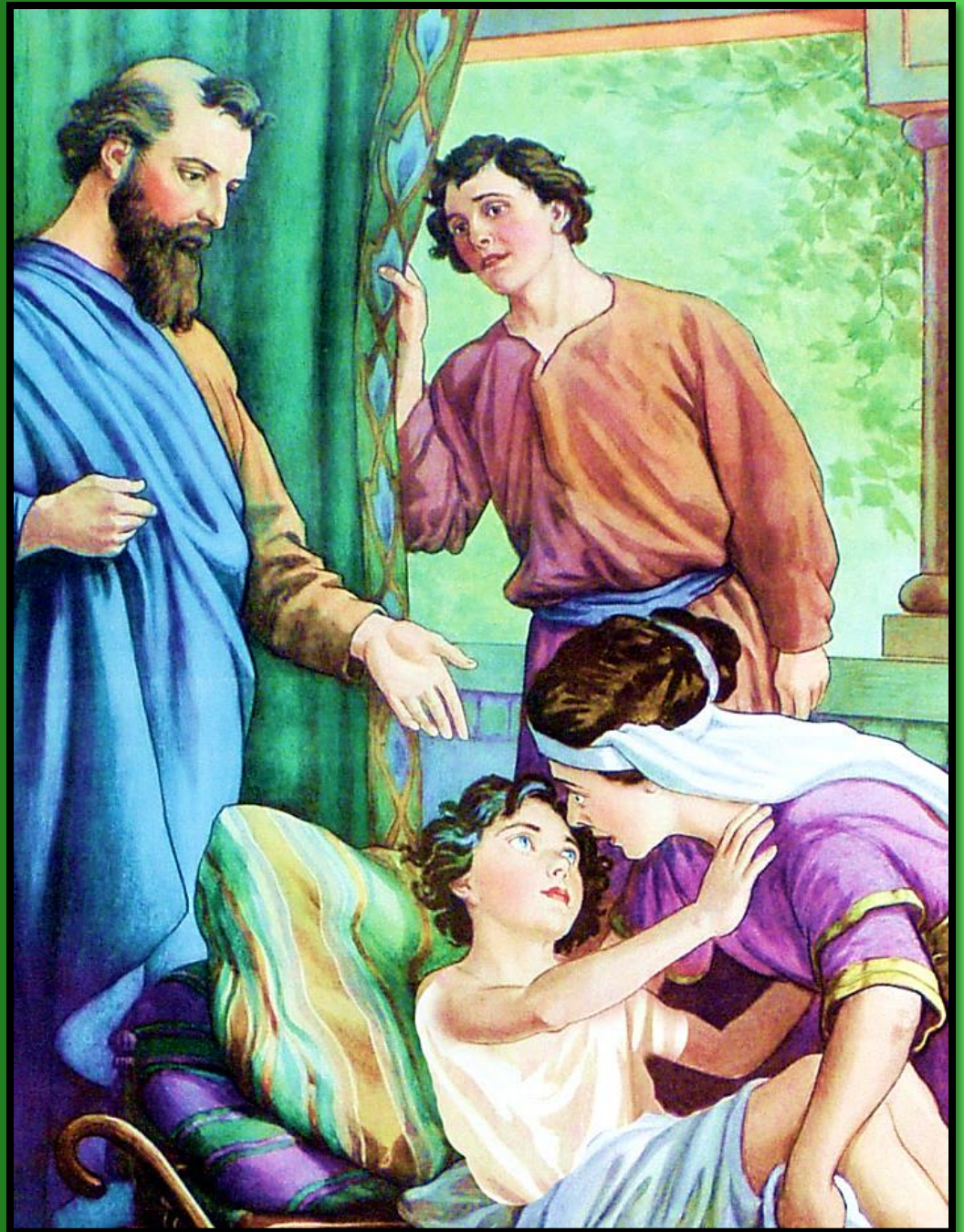


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“³⁶And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son. ³⁷Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.”

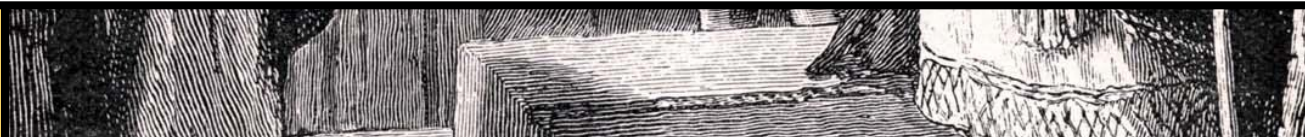


Elisha was not finished showing his gratitude to the Shunammite woman for in chapter 8 we read that he told her to avoid another famine by leaving Israel for a time. She heeded his warning and returned to Israel after the 7 year famine was ended. When she returned Elisha's servant Gehazi went to the king to request the woman's house and land be returned to her. The king sent an officer to ensure she was restored her possessions.





Notice in the text that it was Gehazi that went to the king and requested her house and land be restored to her. Possibly he felt close to her because he was the one that pointed out that she did not have a son when Elisha asked him what they could do to reward her for providing them a room in her home.



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