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Syria laid siege against Israel and the effect was quite bad and devastating that there was breakdown of law and order and some women had started killing and eating their children against nature and the word of God.

Even the king himself who once fed the host of Syria was helpless.

However, although the king could not help the woman who cried to him for help, he was willing to listen to her - **2Kg.6: 28a.**

We must be willing to listen to people share their burdens and problems (especially as leaders) even when we cannot help them in practical terms.

Money lost its value also that an ass's head sold for 80 pieces of silver! Such an unclean and tasteless piece with only little flesh in it. That was extreme inflation!

Imagine the level of inflation in Nigeria right now (16%)! Compared with some other parts of the world:

USA - 2.24%

China - 1.9%

UK - 0.8%

Europe - 0.3%.

The king of Israel in his frustration and confusion blamed Elisha and threatened to kill him instead of leading the nation in repentance before God, - **2Kg.6: 31.**

Ungodly people in their foolishness and frustration still blame the Christians now.

Thank God, Elisha was not moved by this threat.

We should not be moved by the threats of ungodly men around us also. And, we should not give up like the king of Israel but continue to wait on God for solution.

However, Elisha waded in and prophesied a New Dawn.

We must pray to God and trust Him for a New Dawn also - **2Chron.7: 13-14.**

Contents of Elisha's Prophecy: 2Kg.7: 1.

Elisha's Prophecy was so specific and clear. It declares - 'What would happen', 'When it would happen' and 'Where it would happen'.

The only thing not covered in this Prophecy was 'How it would happen' which God always reserve to Himself. Beware of ambiguous prophecies!

- 1, **When?** - Tomorrow (within 24 hours) - It would be so drastic. It doesn't take God so long to work. His word creative, powerful and effective.
2. **Where?** - At the Gate of Samaria - Peace would return and the people would return also.
3. **What?** - Things would be so cheap - Before, an ass's head once sold for 80 pieces of silver but now, a measure of flour to sell for just one shekel.

Elisha prophesied A New Dawn of Abundance!

We all have our moments of doubts but it is always better to keep our doubts to ourselves and be quiet at such times. Those are times when silence is golden!

However, a big man and a close friend of the king spoke in unbelief and disdain of Elisha's prophecy and was punished for it - **2Kg.7: 2.**

We must avoid such evil heart of unbelief like this man by all means - **Heb.3: 12; Lk.18: 8b.**

We must not forget the history of God's past miracles and faithfulness e.g. Manna, quails and water in the Wilderness, feeding of Elijah, widow of Zarephath and her son, replenishing the widow's oil, feeding of 4,000 & 5,000, etc.

We must constantly meditate on the Word of God to feed our faith and renew our mind also - **Rom.10: 17; 12: 2.**

This man was punished severely for His of extreme unbelief - **2Kg.7: 2b.**

Elisha said he would see the prophecy fulfilled but would not partake in it. We must avoid such fatal error.

Unbelief always dishonours and displeases God. It also deprives men of the breakthroughs and blessings God intend for them. Like the children of Israel, such men would see their Promised Land from afar but would not enter into it. May that not be our portion.

Eventually, as impossible as it seemed, Elisha's Prophecy was fulfilled.

Fulfillment of Elisha's Prophecy:

We must never limit God in our minds as God can work in many and mysterious ways

Here, there was no war yet the Syrians heard a rumor of war - **2Kg.7: 6-7.**

The same God had stationed the 4 lepers at the Gate of Samaria who then went into the Camp of the Syrians to search for food - **2Kg.7: 3-5.**

The leper only got to the Camp of the Syrians to discover that they had fled in panic and fear leaving their foodstuffs and treasures behind - **2Kg.7: 8-9.**

It was these 4 lepers who now alerted the king and rest people after satisfying themselves - **2Kg.7: 10-11.**

The king of Israel initially didn't believe them so he sent spies to confirm their story - **2Kg.7: 12-15.**

After confirming their story, the people then went in and looted the Camp of the Syrians. The siege was broken and Elisha's Prophecy of Abundance at the Gate of Samaria was fulfilled - **2Kg.7: 16.**

There is no mistake with God. Again, not all gifts, appointments or promotion are good or from God. The king appointed the big man who doubted God to manage the supplies in order for God to punish him.

The people trampled him to death while rushing for food - **2Kg.7: 17-20.**

Conclusion:

We must pay all attention to the Word of God or what God is saying!

We must also be very careful how we react or respond at times of famine or difficult times like this. We must not react in the flesh or join unbelievers to sing their ungodly songs. There are all kinds of ungodly songs and reactions all over the place right now but we must not join or follow the Mixed Multitude to do evil (**Exod.23: 2**).