

Bible Unit 13 Elisha Test Study Guide

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Elisha performed many miracles during his time as prophet. The purposes of these miracles were to demonstrate God's power AND to show His desire to meet the needs of His people.

Stories We Studied in this Unit:

1. Death in a Pot (2 Kings 4:38-41): Elisha purified the poisoned soup. We learned God is powerful and was working through Elisha, and that God is concerned about our need for good food.
2. Feeding 100 (2 Kings 4:42-44): Elisha fed 100 people with a small bread offering. We, again, realized God meets our needs and is powerful.
3. The Healing of Naaman (2 Kings 5): An Israelite servant girl told her master Naaman (an Aramean officer who had leprosy) to go to Elisha to be healed. Naaman took her advice and went to the King of Israel, who of course, couldn't heal Naaman and thought Naaman was trying to cause trouble. Elisha sent the message to have Naaman come to him. Naaman became angry when he was told to go wash in the dirty Jordan River seven times. But, Naaman's servant persuaded him to try it. It worked! Naaman went back to Elisha to give him a gift, but Elisha wouldn't take it. Elisha's servant, Gehazi, followed Naaman when he left and asked for the gift. Elisha found out and as a punishment, Naaman's leprosy was given to Gehazi. We learned that God can even use children (like the servant girl) to bring people (like Naaman) to Him.
4. The Floating Axe Head (2 Kings 6:1-7): While building a bigger place for the prophets, a borrowed axe head accidentally fell in the water. Elisha threw a stick into the water and the iron ax head started to float so they could get it back. We learned that God cares about even the small details of our lives
5. Elisha Captures an Army (2 Kings 6:8-23): The king of Aram sent an army to surround Israel, and the Israelites were afraid. When Elisha's servant saw the army of Arameans, he was terrified. Elisha asked God to open the servant's eyes, and the servant saw a

heavenly army of horses and chariots ready to help Israel. As the Arameans advanced toward Israel, Elisha asked God to strike them with blindness so that Israel could capture them. When Israel had surrounded the Arameans, God restored their sight and they were terrified and figured they were as good as dead. But, Elisha showed mercy on them and said, "Let's not kill them! Let's have a meal with them instead!"

6. Besieged Samaria (2 Kings 6:24-7:20): The Arameans surrounded Israel again and prevented food from coming into the country. The king of Israel blamed Elisha for this. Elisha said that in 24 hours there would be food in Israel again. One officer who heard Elisha's prophecy didn't believe it, so Elisha told him he wouldn't get any of it. Four lepers decided to go to the Arameans' camp and beg for mercy. However, when they got there, they found their camp deserted; but there was all sorts of food left behind. Apparently, God had caused the Arameans to hear the sound of a great army approaching, so they ran for their lives- even though it wasn't really happening. The lepers knew they shouldn't keep all the food for themselves, so they reported the news back to the king of Israel. At first, he doubted it, but when his troops went and checked it out they confirmed that it was true. All the people rushed out to the camp to get food and brought it back into Israel. The officer who didn't believe Elisha's prophecy about having food in 24 hours was trampled to death. In this story, we learned that we shouldn't blame someone else for our own mistakes- the king blamed Elisha that the Arameans were surrounding them. We shouldn't doubt God- like the officer who was trampled- because God always keeps His word. We should share the good news of the gospel- as the lepers did when they found the Aramean camp deserted and food left behind.
7. Jehu and the Death of Ahab's Family (2 Kings 9-10): Jehu was anointed and was told he was to kill all of the members of Ahab's family. So, Jehu went to the palace and killed King Joram as he fled in his chariot. He approached Jezebel's palace and called to the servants to throw her out of her window, and she died. The dogs ate her body. Seventy sons of Ahab were killed at Jehu's command. Jehu killed the rest of Ahab's family, friends, and priests. Jehu killed all of the ministers and priests of Baal. He was carrying out God's command. God rewarded Jehu for destroying Ahab's family by telling him that his own family would rule for four generations. But, Jehu continued to allow the worship of the golden calves and did not walk in the ways of God. We learned that God always keeps His word. The judgment that Elijah had prophesied for Ahab's family had come true- Ahab's family was destroyed, and Jezebel was eaten by dogs.

