

2 KINGS WEEK TWO – January 13, 2022

Questions for 2 Kings 4 – 7:2

1. Go back to 1 Kings 17:8-16 and review Elijah’s “Widow of Zarephath” miracle. How is Elisha and the miracle of the widow’s oil similar?
2. Go back to 1 Kings 17:17-24 and review “Elijah Revives the Widow’s Son” and compare it to “Elisha Raises the Shunammite’s Son” miracle. What are the similarities here?
3. Who are the “Company of Prophets” and what seems to be their purpose?
4. Is there any indication that Elijah was possibly a priest as well as a prophet? If so, how does this impact the story?
5. What story in the New Testament parallels Elisha’s miracle in 4:42-44?
6. What is the source of Naaman’s military success?
7. What misunderstanding did the Aramean King have about Elisha and how did that affect the story?
8. Why was Naaman upset about Elisha telling him to wash in the Jordan River?
9. What finally sets the healing moment in motion for Naaman?
10. What is the significance of the Jordan River and why would Elisha have Naaman wash there rather than another source of water?
11. Why did Elisha’s servant Gehazi have a problem with Elisha healing Naaman? What did he do to spite Elisha and what was his punishment? Did this seem harsh?
12. Why did the company of prophets want to build a new place? What might this indicate? Is this good or bad?
13. So ... did the axe head *really* float? Why does or doesn’t it matter?

14. Why did the planned Aramean attack on Israel fail and how was Elisha involved?

15. Where have we seen horses and chariots of fire before?

16. What was the result of King Ben-hadad's siege of Samaria?

16. If you had to, would you eat a donkey's head? Why was this a problem for the Israelites?

17. What does Elisha have to do with any of the events of the Ben-hadad's siege of Samaria story? How does the king's perception of the events affect the outcome of the story?

The Genealogy of the Kings of Ancient Israel and Judah

