

Yahweh Provides in Time of Famine

2nd Kings Chapter 7

There was famine in the land of Samaria and the people were hungry. Elisha, the prophet of Elohim, came to the gate of Samaria and said, "Hear the Word of YAHWEH: So says YAHWEH, About this time tomorrow a measure of fine flour will be at a shekel, and two measures of barley at a shekel."

The gatekeeper, who was also the third officer the king depended on, replied to Elisha the prophet of Elohim, and said, "Behold, if YAHWEH would make windows in the heavens, could this thing be?"

Elisha replied, "Behold, you shall see with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it."

There were four men that were lepers at the gate entrance. They said to each other, "Why should we sit here until we die? If we say, we shall go into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there. If we sit here, then we shall die. Therefore now, come and we will fall into the camp of Syria. If they keep us alive, we shall live and if they kill us, then we die.

They rose up in the twilight to go to the Syrian camp. When they came to the edge of the Syrian camp, behold, there was not a man there! For YAHWEH had caused the Syrian army to hear a sound of chariots, and a sound of horses, and a sound of a great army. They said to one another, "Behold, the king of Israel has hired the kings of the Hittites against us, and the kings of Egypt, to come against us."

The lepers went into one tent, and ate and drank, and took silver and gold and garments, and hid them. Then they returned and went into another tent, and took from there, and went and hid them.

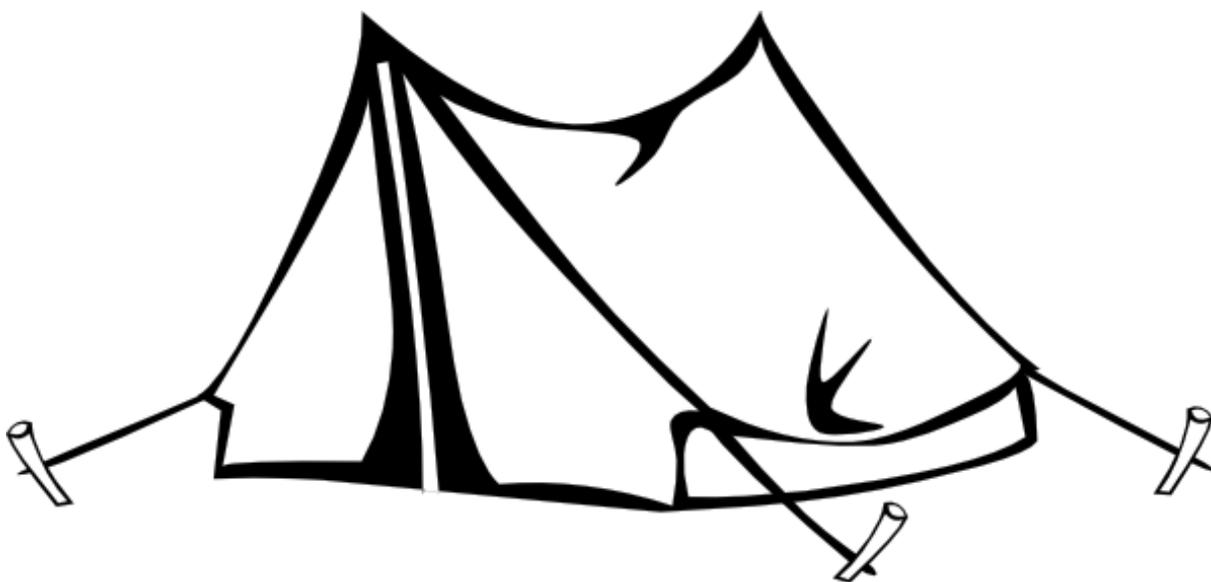
After seeing what they had done, they said to one another, "We are not doing right this day. It is a day of good news, and we are keeping silent. If we wait until the morning light, then punishment will find us. We will go and tell the house of the king."

They called to the gatekeeper of the city, saying, “We have come to the camp of Syria and there is not a man there, nor voice of man, but horses are tied, and donkeys tied, and the tents are as they were.” The gatekeeper called all the gatekeepers, and they told the house of the king inside.

The king rose up by night and said to his servants, “Let me show you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we are famished, and they have gone out from the camp to hide in the field, saying, “When they come out of the city, then we will catch them alive and we shall come into the city.”

One of his servants answered and said, “Let men take five of the horses that remain in the city and we will go and see.” They took two chariots with horses, and the king sent them after the Syrian army. They went after them to the Jordan and the way was full of garments and vessels that the Syrians had thrown away in their haste. The messengers returned and told the king.

The people went out and plundered the Syrian camp and it happened, a measure of fine flour sold at a shekel, and two measures of barley at a shekel, according to the Word of YAHWEH. The gatekeeper, who doubted, died when the people trampled him down in the gate, just as Elisha the prophet spoke.

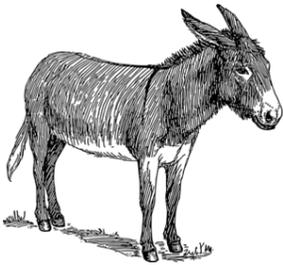
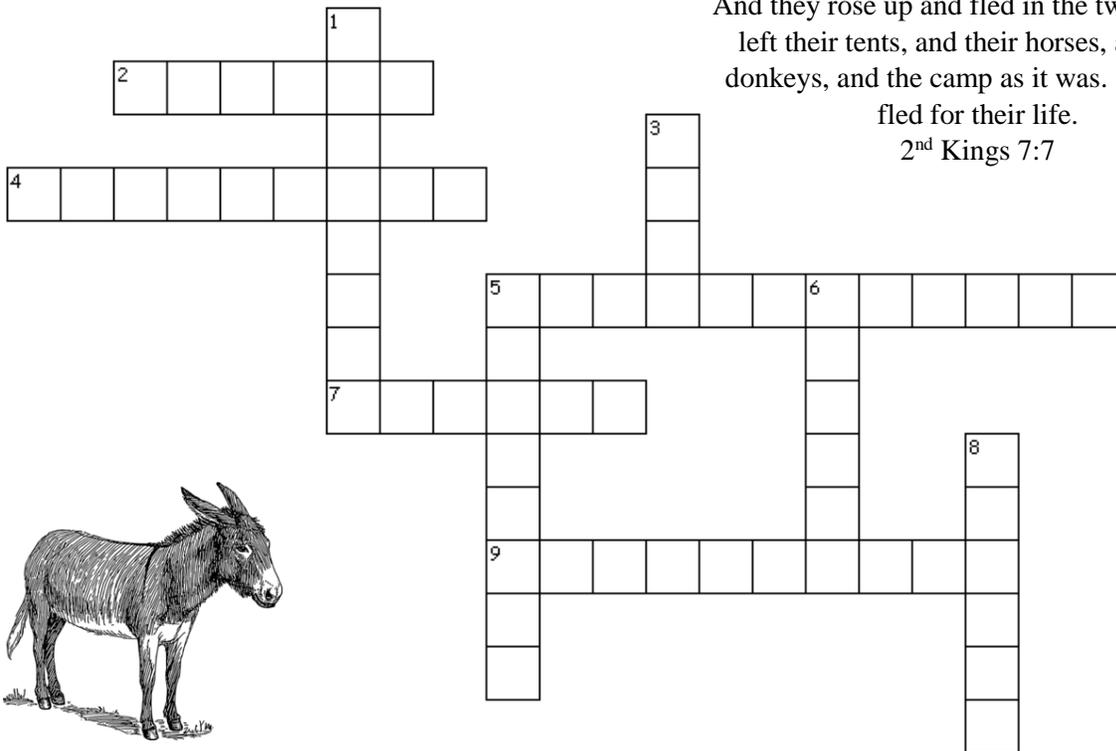


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And they rose up and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their donkeys, and the camp as it was. And they fled for their life.

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Across

2. Who was the prophet that spoke the words of Yahweh in this story?
4. "And the people went out and _____ the camp."
5. Who doubted Yahweh's prophesy?
7. Whose camp was outside the city of Samaria?
9. Who did the lepers tell after finding the empty camp?

Down

1. What did Yahweh cause the invading army to hear?
3. How many lepers were their?
5. At what time of day did the camp flee?
6. What was upon the land of Samaria in this story?
8. What sold at two measures for a Shekel?



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Barley

Camp

City

Donkeys

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Famine

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Flour

Garments

Gate

Gatekeeper

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Lepers

Measure

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Samaria

Shekel

Sound

Syrian

Tents

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