

# **THE GOD THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS.**

**JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TODAY AND FOREVER.**

**“THE LIFE AND FAITH OF ELISHA”**  
- The Privilege of God’s Revelations  
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# ANCHOR BIBLE REFERENCES

## ➤ Hebrews 13: 5-8

➤ <sup>5</sup> God has said,

“Never will I leave you;  
never will I forsake you.”

➤ <sup>6</sup> So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.  
What can mortal man do to me?”

➤ <sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you.  
**Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.**

➤ <sup>8</sup> **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**



# The Leaders, consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

## Luke 5:37-38

"No one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins, the wine will spill, and the wineskins will be ruined."

"Instead, new wine is poured into new wineskins."

**(This year, we must have a fresh vision of our Christian life)**

As we consider the life of the leaders and their faith, let us apply the lessons and, thus, create new wineskins and expand our spiritual container to enable God to move the mountains He has planned to move for us from 2023.

# Our Mandate Remains:

➤ “The House of Prayer for all Nations; Extending God’s Love to all the Nations.”

➤ We are sowers (not eaters) but the sower reaps in multiple folds.

➤ **Ezekiel 22:30** <sup>30</sup> “And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge (wall), and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.”

# The Leader, ELISHA, consider the outcome of his way of life and imitate his faith.

The Privilege of God's Revelations is a key lesson we learn from Elisha

**In 2 Kings 6:8-** <sup>8</sup> the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, "I will set up my camp in such and such a place."

## ***Getting Revelation is a weapon***

<sup>9</sup> The man of God (Elisha, a prophet)) sent word to the king of Israel: "Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there." <sup>10</sup> So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. **Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places.**

<sup>11</sup> This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?" <sup>12</sup> "None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "**but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom.**"

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*The king unfortunately went after Elisha (a big mistake):*

<sup>13</sup> “Go, find out where he is,” the king ordered, “so I can send men and capture him.” The report came back: “He is in Dothan.” <sup>14</sup> Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city.

➔ **Again another revelation came to Elisha ...**

<sup>15</sup> When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?” the servant asked. <sup>16</sup> **“Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”**

<sup>17</sup> And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see.” Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

<sup>18</sup> As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the LORD,

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“Strike this army with blindness.” So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked.

## God reveals to redeem (not to destroy) ....

<sup>21</sup> When the king of Israel saw them, he asked Elisha, “Shall I kill them, my father? Shall I kill them?”

<sup>22</sup> **“Do not kill them,” he answered.** “Would you kill those you have captured with your own sword or bow? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink and then go back to their master.” <sup>23</sup> So he prepared a huge feast for them. After they ate and drank their fill he dismissed them.

**So the bands from Aram stopped raiding Israel’s territory.**

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➔ Again another revelation had come to Elisha

## 2 kings 8:1-3

<sup>1-3</sup> Years before, Elisha had told the Shunammite woman whose son he had brought to life, “Leave here and go, you and your family, and live elsewhere. God had ordered a famine in the land; it will last for seven years.” The woman did what the Holy Man told her and left. She and her family lived as aliens in the country of Philistia for seven years. (Shunem: a town in Israel, about 40 km north of Samaria).

## 2 kings 6: 24-27

<sup>24</sup> Some time later, Ben-Hadad king of Aram mobilized his entire army and marched up and laid siege to Samaria. <sup>25</sup> There was a great famine in the city; the siege lasted so long that a donkey’s head sold for eighty shekels of silver, and a quarter of a cab of seed pods for five shekels. <sup>26</sup> As the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, a woman cried to him, “Help me, my lord the king!” <sup>27</sup> The king replied, “If the LORD does not help you, where can I get help for you?”



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<sup>30</sup> When the king heard the woman's words, he tore his robes. .... <sup>31</sup> He said, "May God deal with me, be it ever so severely, if the head of Elisha son of Shaphat remains on his shoulders today!" .... The king said, "This disaster is from the LORD. Why should I wait for the LORD any longer?"

## ➤ Again another revelation came to Elisha

<sup>1</sup>Elisha replied, "Hear the word of the LORD. This is what the LORD says: About this time tomorrow, a seah of the finest flour will sell for a shekel and two seahs of barley for a shekel at the gate of Samaria."

<sup>2</sup> The officer on whose arm the king was leaning said to the man of God, "Look, even if the LORD should open the floodgates of the heavens, could this happen?"

**"You will see it with your own eyes," answered Elisha, "but you will not eat any of it!"**

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## ► God lifted the siege using four lepers (2 kings 7:3-15)

<sup>16</sup> The people went out and plundered the camp of the Arameans. So a seah of the finest flour sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley sold for a shekel, as the LORD had said.

<sup>17</sup> Now the king had put the officer on whose arm he leaned in charge of the gate, and the people trampled him in the gateway, and he died, just as the man of God had foretold when the king came down to his house. <sup>18</sup> It happened as the man of God had said to the king: “About this time tomorrow, a seah of the finest flour will sell for a shekel and two seahs of barley for a shekel at the gate of Samaria.”

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- Revelations/miracles of God cannot be bought (there should be no gift exchanges)

In 2 kings 5, <sup>1</sup>Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper.

<sup>14</sup>Elisha the prophet healed Naaman of his leprosy by the power of the Lord, and

<sup>16</sup>Naaman praised God and offered Elisha a gift, which Elisha refused to accept.

Naaman departed for Syria, but Elisha's servant Gehazi ran after him and told a lie in order to get Naaman's gift for himself.... <sup>26</sup>Elisha said to him, "Did not my heart go when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Was it a time to accept money and garments, olive orchards and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male servants and female servants? <sup>27</sup>**Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and to your descendants forever.**" So he went out from Elisha's presence a leper, like snow.

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**CONCLUSION:** We are kings and priests (prophets) in our time. As children of God, we have the privilege to get revelations on the past, or the present or the future.

**In Acts 26:16, God said to Paul** “I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen from Me and what I will show you (revelation).”

**John 16:13-14** “the Spirit of truth will guide you into all truth.” “<sup>14</sup>He will glorify Me by taking from what is Mine and disclosing it to you”. (What is revealed is Jesus’, **use it wisely!**)

**1 Corinthians 2:** <sup>10</sup>God has revealed it to us by the Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

**Galatians 1:12 Paul said** “I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.”

**Ephesians 3:2-3, Paul said,** “<sup>2</sup>Surely you have heard about the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation.

**Ephesians 1:17, Paul prayed:** “That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him.”

# The Leader, ELISHA, his way of life and his faith.

## Lesson we learn from Elisha:

1. As Prophets in our time, our righteousness and our relationship with God will determine our level of revelation

2. Put the revelation into wise use at the time you get it:

Example: Elisha used his revelation to advised his servant (don't be afraid), the king of Israel and the Shunammite woman (about upcoming famine)

3. Aim for peace and do not take vengeance into your hands, unless God reveals so: Elisha said to the king "Would you kill those you have captured with your own sword or bow? Set food and water before them."

**Matthew 5:9** "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God."

**Romans 8:6** "The mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life & peace."

4. God's revelations are meant to enable you surpass expectations of men (Paul says it is the stewardship of God's grace that was given to you for men). Don't accept gifts or rewards for applying them.

5. The 'fact' revealed to us is a message of wisdom given only to the matured (1 Cor. 2:6); who would use it as laid in **Ephesians 6:10-18**:

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## ➤ The Armor of God Ephesians 6:10-18

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

**Let's continue to position ourselves for revelations and use them wisely to God glory.**

**GOD BLESS YOU!**