

# The LORD Still God in Horrible Times

*2 Kings 6:24-7:2*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of Government Exposed (v. 24-29)
  - a. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Samaria
    - i. Exorbitant cost of \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. Exorbitant cost on \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. The \_\_\_\_\_ upon Samaria
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_ actions
    - ii. Divine \_\_\_\_\_ of judgment fulfilled
  - c. The reaction of Samaria's \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_ answer of impotence
    - ii. Human reaction of pure \_\_\_\_\_
2. Lack of True \_\_\_\_\_ Exposed (v. 30-33)
  - a. Apparent plan of \_\_\_\_\_ deliverance
    - i. Humility and \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ upon the LORD for deliverance
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ the plan of divine deliverance
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_ tried until a great shock
    - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ laid upon the LORD (and Elisha)
      1. \_\_\_\_\_ the messenger!
      2. \_\_\_\_\_ the murderer!
    - iii. Practical \_\_\_\_\_ wins the day
3. \_\_\_\_\_ of Faith in God's Word Exposed (ch. 7:1-2)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of the LORD
    - i. Grace to an \_\_\_\_\_ people
    - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ relief from the siege promised
  - b. Reward for \_\_\_\_\_ to believe the Word
    - i. Remember the reward for \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. Terrible reward for \_\_\_\_\_

*But if in spite of this you will not listen to me, but walk contrary to me, then I will walk contrary to you in fury and I myself will discipline you sevenfold for your sins. You shall eat the flesh of your sons, and you shall eat the flesh of your daughters.*

Leviticus 26:27-29

*They shall besiege you in all your towns, until your high and fortified walls, in which you trusted, come down throughout all your land. And they shall besiege you in all your towns throughout all your land, which the LORD your God has given you. And you shall eat the fruit of your womb, the flesh of your sons and daughters, whom the LORD your God has given you, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemies shall distress you. The man who is the most tender and refined among you will begrudge food to his brother, to the wife he embraces, and to the last of the children whom he has left, so that he will not give to any of them any of the flesh of his children whom he is eating, because he has nothing else left, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemy shall distress you in all your towns. The most tender and refined woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground because she is so delicate and tender, will begrudge to the husband she embraces, to her son and to her daughter, her afterbirth that comes out from between her feet and her children whom she bears, because lacking everything she will eat them secretly, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemy shall distress you in your towns.*

Deuteronomy 28:52-57

*The hands of compassionate women have boiled their own children; they became their food during the destruction of the daughter of my people.*

Lamentations 4:10

## Follow-Up Quote

“But surely the major impression we receive from this section is that of *political helplessness*. As James Mead says, ‘[T]his narrative makes an argument about the *ineffectiveness of royal power* in a situation that only Yahweh can reverse.’ The government simply can’t find a solution. And yet aren’t many of us in the West sucked into thinking that our governments are somehow a big chunk of our hope?”

(Dale Ralph David, *2 Kings: The Power and the Fury*, 2005, p. 122)