



GREAT EXPECTATIONS

- Context: Samaria under siege by King Ben-Hadad of Aram.
- 2 Kings 6:25, "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."
- The King decides it's time to take action: Kill Elisha!

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- 2 Kings 7:1f, "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.' 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!'"

G R E A T E X P E C T A T I O N S

- The Israelites are in an impossible situation. Their city is under siege by a superior army. Their food supply has run out. They are eating overpriced donkey heads, and they are now on the brink of cannibalism, starvation, and death.
- But, into this situation, God speaks thru Elisha. The word makes no sense – unless you believe God can do the impossible. (Theology 201)

G R E A T E X P E C T A T I O N S

- God looks for two things to do the impossible: First, he looks for an impossible situation. (the Northern Kingdom; us; Bill)
- There is no person God cannot redeem. There is no problem too big for God to solve. There is no situation God cannot alter. There is no mountain he cannot move. There is no resource challenge he cannot meet. Theology 201

G R E A T E X P E C T A T I O N S

- 2 Kings 7:3-9, “Now there were four men with leprosy at the entrance of the city gate. They said to each other, ‘Why stay here until we die? If we say, ‘We’ll go into the city’ – the famine is there, and we will die. And if we stay here, we will die. So let’s go over to the camp of the Arameans and surrender. If they spare us, we live; if they kill us, then we die.’

G R E A T **E X P E C T A T I O N S**

- 2 Kings 7:3-9, "At dusk they got up and went to the camp of the Arameans. When they reached the edge of the camp, no one was there, for the Lord had caused the Arameans to hear the sound of chariots and horses and a great army, so that they said to one another, 'Look, the king of Israel has hired the Hittite and Egyptian kings to attack us!'

G R E A T **E X P E C T A T I O N S**

- 2 Kings 7:3-9, "So they got up and fled in the dusk and abandoned their tents and their horses and donkeys. They left the camp as it was and ran for their lives. The men who had leprosy reached the edge of the camp, entered one of the tents and ate and drank. Then they took silver, gold and clothes, and went off and hid them.

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- 2 Kings 7:3-9, "They returned and entered another tent and took some things from it and hid them also. Then they said to each other, 'What we're doing is not right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves. If we wait until daylight, punishment will overtake us. Let's go at once and report this to the royal palace.'"

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- The second thing God looks for to do the impossible is a particular kind of follower. A follower who . . .
 - Is surrendered (Elisha; lepers. Don't have to survive) (Peter & John the Baptist)
 - Is willing to take a risk. (Elisha, lepers) (us)
 - Is a kingdom player. (lepers – pass it along)

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- 2 Kings 7:16f, "Then 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. 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."

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- *All through Kingdom History God has called His people to attempt the ridiculous so He could do the miraculous.* All through Kingdom history God has led his people into the impossible, so he can display His power. There is no problem he cannot solve... God can do the impossible. (Concrete Evidence)
