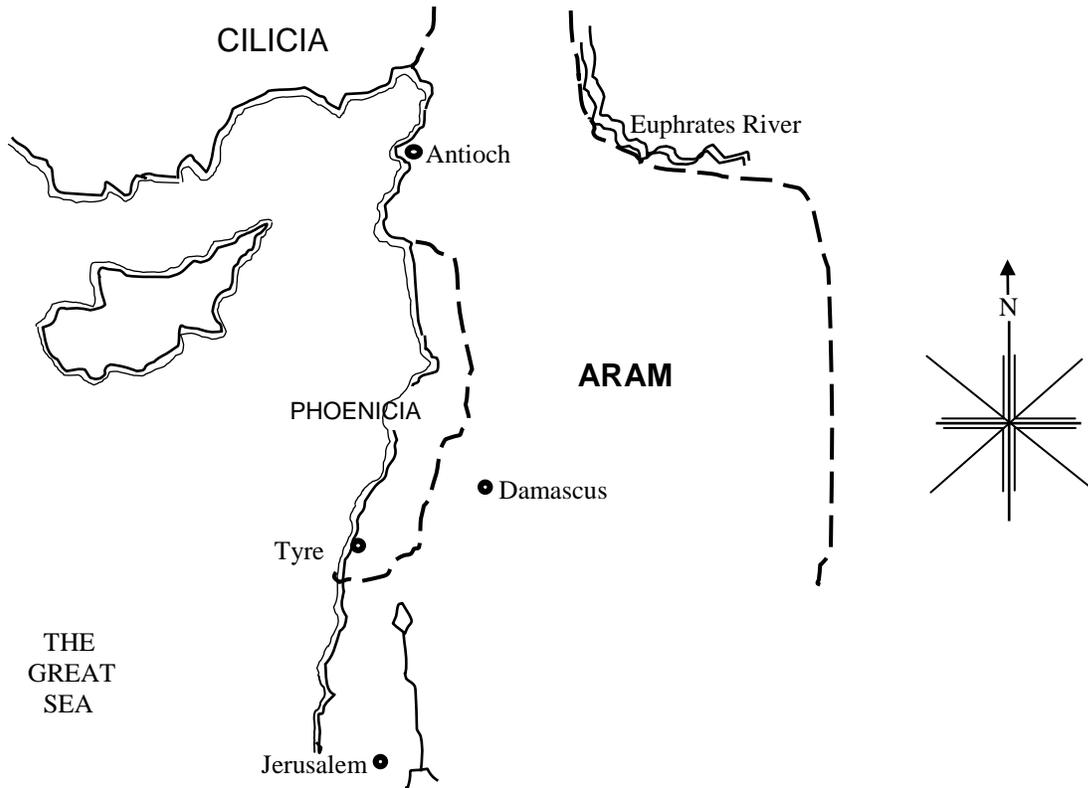


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As the power of Israel declined, that of Aram, her neighbor to the North, increased. This lesson covers a time when Israel had about 100 more years to live. Vibrant Aram was causing havoc in Israel.



1 Now the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "Behold now, the place before you where we are living is too limited for us. 2 "Please let us go to the Jordan and each of us take from there a beam, and let us make a place there for ourselves where we may live. " So he said, "Go."

[1.] v:1, too limited, What situation does this statement describe?

[2.] v:2, Please, Where did they suggest to make a new start?

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3 Then one said, "Please be willing to go with your servants." And he answered, "I shall go." 4 So he went with them; and when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees. 5 But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Alas, my master! For it was borrowed."

6 Then the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And when he showed him the place, he cut off a stick and threw it in there, and made the iron float. 7 He said, "Take it up for yourself." So he put out his hand and took it.

7 Now the king of Aram was warring against Israel; and he counseled with his servants saying, "In such and such a place shall be my camp." 9 The man of God sent word to the king of Israel saying, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Arameans are coming down there."

10 The king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God had told him; thus he warned him, so that he guarded himself there, more than once or twice.

11 Now the heart of the king of Aram was enraged over this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you tell me which of us is for the king of Israel?"

12 One of his servants said, "No, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom."

[3.] v:3-5, was borrowed, Regarding the axe head, what the son of the prophet would be required to do?

[4.] v:6-7, the iron float, Which of the facts did God want the grieving servant to witness?

- a) A rightly placed stick will make iron float.
- b) The Spirit of God working through Elisha.
- c) Always remember where one loses things.

[5.] v:7-9, my camp, Complete the following sentence: The Lord revealed to the man of God the location of \_\_\_\_\_.

[6.] v:10, warned him, From the verse, how many time did this happen?

[7.] v:11, enraged, Who did the king of Aram first suspect?

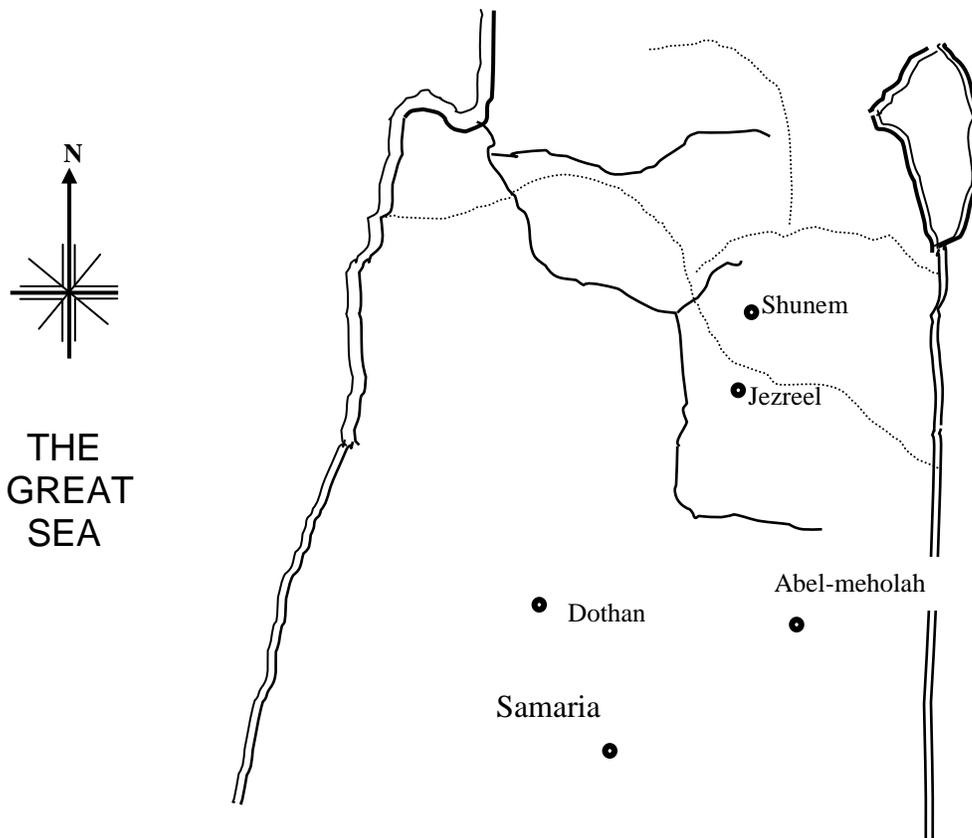
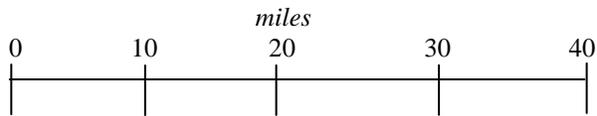
[8.] v:12, speak in your bedroom, What did the servant mean by this phrase?

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13 So he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and take him." And it was told him, saying, "Behold, he is in Dothan."

[9.] v:13, Dothan, Elisha hindered the king of Aram's plan. Therefore, before he could continue on, what did he need to do?



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14 He sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city.

15 Now when the attendant of the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"

16 So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

17 Then Elisha prayed and said, "O Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the Lord opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

18 When they came down to him, Elisha prayed to the Lord and said, "Strike this people with blindness, I pray." So He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

19 Then Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, nor is this the city; follow me and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." And he brought them to Samaria.

[10.] v:14, He sent, Looking at this verse, how do we know that Elisha was a big threat to the king of Aram?

[11.] v:15, the attendant, Describe the different sounds that greeted him that morning.

[12.] v:16, Do not fear, What did Elisha say next?

13.] v:17, opened the servant's eyes, When the servant saw the spiritual and heavenly things, the natural and earthly things became:

- a) Really trustworthy.
- b) Definitely the way to think.
- c) Weak and worthless.
- d) All consuming.

[14.] v:18, blindness, Describe the thoughts and feelings, that then consumed, the average soldier in Aram's army.

[15.] v:19, whom you seek, Who did they assume Elisha was taking them to?

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20 When they had come into Samaria, Elisha said, "O Lord, open the eyes of these men, that they may see." So the Lord opened their eyes and they saw; and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.

21 Then the king of Israel when he saw them, said to Elisha, "My father, shall I kill them? Shall I kill them?"

22 He answered, "You shall not kill them. Would you kill those you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master."

23 So he prepared a great feast for them; and when they had eaten and drunk he sent them away, and they went to their master. And the marauding bands of Arameans did not come again into the land of Israel.

[16.] v:20-21, opened their eyes, Pretend you are one of the marauders and all of a sudden you can see again. The first thing that comes into your mind is:

- a) We're home free now!
- b) These look like friendly folks.
- c) Good, safe at last!
- d) We've had it!

[17.] v:21, king of Israel When he saw the prisoners, what was he tempted to do?

[18.] v:22, He answered, What was Elisha's instruction to the king?

[19.] v:23, sent them away, So after being treated humanly the marauders left in peace. What message do you think they told the king of Aram?

[20.] Something to think about. By obeying Christ's command of "Love your neighbor, what are some possibilities?

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