

Greetings, today our manna is 2Kings 6; 1Tim. 3; Daniel 10; Psalm 119:1-24

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2Kings 6

The Axe Head Recovered

2Ki 6:1 And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "See, the place where we dwell with you is too small for us.

2Ki 6:2 "Please, let us go to the Yardēn, and let every man take a log from there, and let us make there a place to dwell." And he answered, "Go."

2Ki 6:3 Then the one said, "Please undertake to go with your servants." And he answered, **"I shall go."**

2Ki 6:4 And he went with them, and they came to the Yardēn, and they cut down trees.

2Ki 6:5 And it came to be, as one was cutting down a tree, that the iron axe head fell into the water. And he cried out and said, **"Oh my master, for it was borrowed!"**

2Ki 6:6 **And the man of Elohim said, "Where did it fall?" And he showed him the place. And he cut off a stick, and threw it in there, and made the iron float.**

2Ki 6:7 And he said, **"Pick it up."** And he reached out his hand and took it.

YHWH makes the impossible, possible. This is where faith comes in; and knowing and understanding the promises in His Word.

Horses and Chariots of Fire

2Ki 6:8 **And the sovereign of Aram was fighting against Yisra'ēl, and took counsel with his servants, saying,** "My camp is in such and such a place."

2Ki 6:9 And the man of Elohim sent to the sovereign of Yisra'ēl, saying, **"Be on guard, do not pass this place, for the Arameans are coming down there."**

2Ki 6:10 The sovereign of Yisra'ēl then sent to the place of which the man of Elohim had spoken to him, and warned him, so that he was on his guard there, not once, and not twice.

2Ki 6:11 **And this greatly troubled the heart of the sovereign of Aram.** And he called his servants and said to them, **"Declare to me! Who of us is for the sovereign of Yisra'ēl?"**

2Ki 6:12 And one of his servants said, **"None, my master, O sovereign, for Elisha, the prophet who is in Yisra'ēl, declares to the sovereign of Yisra'ēl the words that you speak in your bedroom."**

2Ki 6:13 **And he said**, “Go and see where he is, so that I send and get him.” And it was reported to him, saying, **“See, he is in Dothan.”**

2Ki 6:14 And he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city.

2Ki 6:15 And the servant of the man of Elohim rose early and went out, and saw an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, **“Oh, my master! What do we do?”**

2Ki 6:16 **And he answered,**

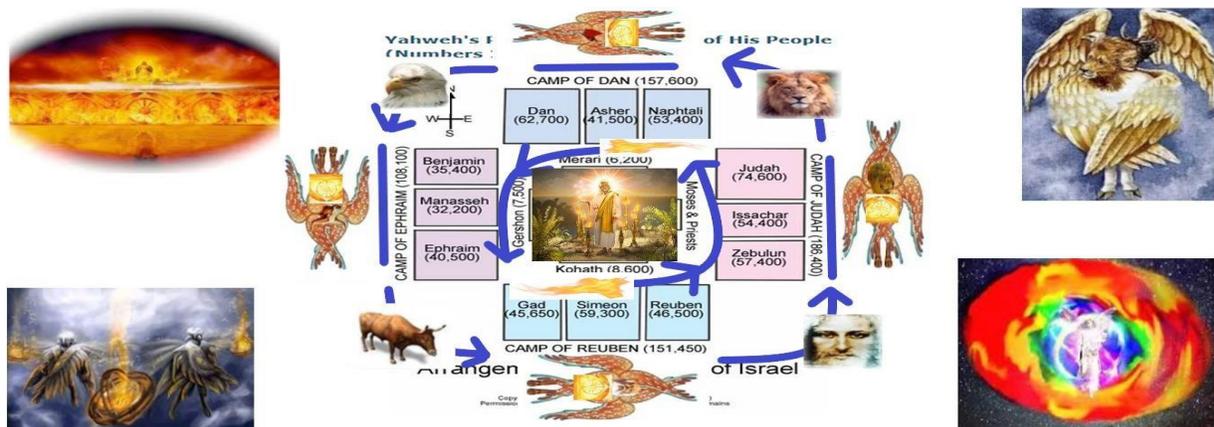
✚ “Do not fear, **for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.**”

✚ 2Ki 6:17 **And Elisha prayed, and said, “יהוה, I pray, open his eyes and let him see.”** And יהוה opened the eyes of the young man, and he looked and saw **the mountain covered with horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.**

Repeatedly, we see instances when YHWH’s people are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. We read about chariots of fire, horses, and great multitudes; greater than those against us. So, they appear here after what? Elisha prayed to YHWH!

For this reason, I see this patterned repeated; and that is what spoke to my heart through His Word to make the following graphic as a visual. You may disagree but knowing YHWH is in the heavens is plural. He is not contained in one space. He is Omnipresent; and He isn’t alone. He will never leave us or forsake us. Sometimes He was in a pillar of fire at night and a pillar of cloud by day.

From Noah’s ark; to the wilderness encampments of many tents encircling the Dwelling Place; to Ezekiel’s visions of a wheel inside a wheel; to the first and second Temple; to the throne room spoken of in Revelation; YHWH, Elohim is with us. He tabernacles with His people; those before us and those still living on earth. The earthly patterns mirror the heavenly patterns. We know there are those in the heavenly realm that have passed on based on the Mount of Transfiguration; or the bosom of Abraham in the comfort side of Sheol; yes, we know until Yahusha opened the door, full access was not available but those that had gone on before Yahusha were still set apart and still existed as a great cloud of witnesses – outside of ‘time.’ That influences much, because we know Yahusha was slain before the foundation of the world.



✚ **2Ki 6:18** And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed to יהוה, and said, "Strike this nation with blindness, I pray." And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

Ellicotts' Commentary Excerpt on 2Kings 6:17

Horses and chariots of fire.—Literally, horses and chariots, to wit, fire. Fire was the well-known symbol of Jehovah's visible presence and protective or destroying might, from the days of the patriarchs onwards ([Genesis 15:17](#); [Exodus 3:2](#); [Exodus 13:21](#), seq., 19:16, seq.; [Isaiah 29:6](#); [Isaiah 30:30](#); [Isaiah 30:33](#); [Isaiah 33:14](#)). As fiery chariots and horses parted Elijah from Elisha ([2Kings 2:12](#)), so now a similar appearance surrounds and protects the latter. "It is a fine thought," says Thenius, "that on this occasion the veil of earthly existence was lifted for a moment for one child of man, so as to allow him a clear glimpse of the sovereignty of Providence." The form of the supernatural appearance was, no doubt, conditioned by the circumstances of the time. Chariots and horses were the strength of the Aramean oppressors of Israel; therefore, Jehovah causes His earthly ministers to see that He also has at His command horses and chariots, and that of fire.

2Ki 6:19 And Elisha said to them,

- ✚ "This is not the way, nor is this the city.
- ✚ Follow me, and let me bring you to the man whom you seek." But he led them to Shomeron.
- ✚ **2Ki 6:20** And it came to be, when they had come to Shomeron, that Elisha said, "יהוה, open the eyes of these men so that they see." And יהוה opened their eyes, and they looked and saw they were in the midst of Shomeron!
- ✚ **2Ki 6:21** And when the sovereign of Yisra'el saw them, he said to Elisha, "My father, should I strike? Should I strike?"
- ✚ **2Ki 6:22** But he said, "Do not strike. Do you strike those whom you have taken captive with your sword and your bow? Set food and water before them and let them eat and drink and go to their master."
- ✚ **2Ki 6:23** And he made a great feast for them. And after they ate and drank, he let them go, and they went to their master. And the bands of Aramean raiders came no more into the land of Yisra'el.

Ben-Hadad's Siege of Samaria

2Ki 6:24 And after this it came to be that Ben-Hadad the sovereign of Aram mustered all his army, and went up and besieged Shomeron.

2Ki 6:25 And there was a great scarcity of food in Shomeron. And see, they besieged it until a donkey's head went at eighty pieces of silver, and one-fourth of a kab of dove droppings for five pieces of silver.

2Ki 6:26 And it came to be, as the sovereign of Yisra'el was passing by on the wall, a woman cried out to him, saying, "Help, my master, O sovereign!"

2Ki 6:27 And he said, "If **יהוה** does not help you, where do I find help for you? From the threshing floor or from the winepress?"

2Ki 6:28 And the sovereign said to her, "What is troubling you?" And she answered, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son and let us eat him today, and tomorrow we eat my son.'

2Ki 6:29 "So we cooked my son, and ate him. And I said to her on the next day, 'Give your son and let us eat him.' But she has hidden her son."

2Ki 6:30 And it came to be, when the sovereign heard the words of the woman, that he tore his garments. And as he passed by on the wall, the people looked and saw the sackcloth on his body, underneath.

2Ki 6:31 And he said, "Elohim do so to me and more also, if the head of Elisha son of Shaphat remains on him today."

2Ki 6:32 And Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him. And *the sovereign* sent a man ahead of him, but before the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, "Do you see how this son of a murderer has sent someone to take away my head? Look, when the messenger comes, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door. Is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?"

2Ki 6:33 While he was still speaking with them, then see, the messenger came down to him, and he said, "Look, this evil is from **יהוה**, why should I wait for **יהוה** any longer?"

The siege of Ben-Hadad, the sovereign of Aram, was great against Samaria. The food shortage was severe. Panic was setting in and the king of Israel succumbs to cooking his son for food; yet the woman, who was to reciprocate, hides her son the next day away from death. The king of Israel mourns and dresses in sack cloth grieving over the dreadful act he had done. His anger swells within him and focuses on Elisha's head!

2Kings 7 continues this saga, and we will see that when times are difficult, we should not give up on a miracle from YHWH. Often, YHWH's answer is right around the corner. We are to wait on Him and not run ahead. When we run ahead, we often mess up – some of these instances are worse than others; and the lessons are often learned the hard way.

1Tim. 3

Paul reviews with Timothy the qualifications of **overseers** and **attendants** among the assemblies. YHWH's assemblies should be run in an orderly fashion and with reverence.

Qualifications for Overseers

1Ti 3:1 Trustworthy is the word: If a man longs for the position of an overseer, he desires a good work.

1Ti 3:2 An overseer, then, should be blameless, the husband of one wife, sober, sensible, orderly, kind to strangers, able to teach,

1Ti 3:3 not given to wine, no brawler, but gentle, not quarrelsome, no lover of **silver**,^a
Footnote: ^aImplying money.

1Ti 3:4 one who rules his own house well, having his children in subjection with all reverence,

1Ti 3:5 for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how shall he look after the assembly of Elohim?

1Ti 3:6 Not a new convert, lest he become puffed up with pride and fall into the judgment of the devil.

1Ti 3:7 And he should even have a good witness from those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Qualifications for Deacons

1Ti 3:8 Likewise attendants are to be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for filthy gain,

1Ti 3:9 holding to the secret of the belief with a clean conscience.

1Ti 3:10 And let these also be proved first, then let them serve, if they are unreprouvable.

1Ti 3:11 Wives in the same way: reverent, not false accusers, sober, trustworthy in every way.

1Ti 3:12 Let attendants be the husbands of only one wife, ruling children and their own houses well.

1Ti 3:13 For those who have served well as attendants gain good standing for themselves, and much boldness in the belief that is in Messiah **יהושע**.

The Mystery of Godliness

1Ti 3:14 I am writing you this, expecting to come to you shortly,

1Ti 3:15 but if I delay, that you might know how you should behave in the House of Elohim, which is the assembly of the living Elohim – a *strong* support and foundation of the truth.

1Ti 3:16 **And, beyond all question, the secret of reverence is great** –

- who was revealed in the flesh,

Rom 8:3 For the Torah being powerless, in that it was weak through the flesh, Elohim, having sent His own Son in **the likeness of flesh of sin**, and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,

Rom 8:4 so that the righteousness of the Torah should be completed in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

- declared right in Spirit,
- was seen by messengers,
- was proclaimed among nations,
- was believed on in the world,
- was taken up in esteem.

Daniel 10

Daniel's Terrifying Vision of a Man

Dan 10:1 In the **third year of Koresh [Cyrus]** sovereign of Persia a word was revealed to Dani'ël, whose name was called Bēlteshatstsar. And the word was true, and the conflict great. And he understood the word, and had understanding of the vision.

Daniel mourned and fasted for 21 days.

Dan 10:2 **In those days I, Dani'ël, was mourning three weeks of days.**

Dan 10:3 I did not eat desirable food, and meat and wine did not come into my mouth, and I did not anoint myself at all, till the completion of three weeks of days.

Dan 10:4 And on the twenty-fourth day of the first new *moon*, while **I was by the side of the great river, that is Hiddeqel,**

Gen 2:14 And the name of the third river *is* Hiddekel: that *is* it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river *is* Euphrates. [Hiddekel is said to equate to the Tigris]

✚ **Dan 10:5** **then I lifted my eyes and looked and saw a certain man dressed in linen,**

✚ **whose loins were girded with gold of Uphaz!**

✚ **Dan 10:6** And his body was like beryl,

✚ and his face like the appearance of lightning,

✚ and his eyes like torches of fire,

✚ and his arms and feet like polished bronze in appearance,

✚ and the sound of his words like the sound of a crowd.

The above description seems to depict the Angel of YHWH, YHWH's presence; or as in Revelation, Yahusha.

Rev 1:13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands **One like the Son of Adam, Dan 7:13 dressed in a robe** down to the feet and **girded about the chest with a golden band. Dan 10:5.**

Rev 1:14 And His head and hair were white as white wool, as snow, and **His eyes as a flame of fire,**

Rev 1:15 and **His feet like burnished brass, Dan 10:6** as if refined in a furnace, and **His voice as the sound of many waters. Eze 1:24, Eze 43:2.**

Dan 10:7 And **I, Dani'ël, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them, and they ran away to hide themselves.**

Dan 10:8 So I was left alone when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me, for my comeliness was destroyed in me, and I retained no strength.

✚ Dan 10:9 But I heard the sound of his words.

✚ And while I heard the sound of his words I was stunned lying with my face to the ground.

✚ Dan 10:10 And see, a hand touched me,

✚ and set me trembling on my knees and on the palms of my hands.

This was a great vision and along with the vision Daniel felt a hand touch him; the presence of YHWH or this mighty being; made his knees tremble to the point where his hands were grasping his knees, or he was literally on all fours.

Comforting words follow.

Dan 10:11 And he said to me,

✚ "O Dani'ël, man greatly appreciated, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you."

✚ And while he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.

Dan 10:12 And he said to me,

✚ "Do not fear, Dani'ël, for from **the first day that you set your heart to understand and to humble yourself before your Elohim, your words were heard,** and I have come because of your words.

✚ Dan 10:13 "But **the head of the rule of Persia withstood me twenty-one days.** And see, Miķa'ël, one of the chief heads, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the sovereigns of Persia.

✚ **Dan 10:14** “And **I have come to make you understand what is to befall your people in the latter days. For the vision is yet for days to come.**”

Mighty spiritual warfare detained the message from reaching Daniel. There was heavenly warfare with the Principality over Persia and the sovereigns of Persia; Michael was sent to help.

Dan 10:15 And when he had spoken such words to me, I turned my face toward the ground and kept silent.

Dan 10:16 And see, one who looked like the sons of men touched my lips, and I opened my mouth and spoke and said to him who stood before me, “My master, because of the vision I have been seized with pains, and I have retained no strength.

Dan 10:17 “So how was this servant of my master able to speak with you, my master? As for me, no strength remains in me now, nor is any breath left in me.”

Dan 10:18 And again the one who looked like a man touched me and strengthened me.

Dan 10:19 And he said,

- ✚ “Do not fear, O man greatly appreciated!
- ✚ Peace be to you, be strong now, be strong!”
 - So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, **“Let my master speak, for you have strengthened me.”**

Since Daniel refers to him as ‘master’; again, seems to allude to this being as the Angel of YHWH; if not, possibly another mighty representative?

Dan 10:20 And he said,

- ✚ “Do you know why I have come to you?
- ✚ And now I return to fight with the head of Persia. And when I have left, see, the head of Greece shall come.
- ✚ **Dan 10:21** **“But let me declare to you what is written in the Scripture of Truth, and there is not one strengthening himself with me concerning these, except Mika’ël your head.**

There are principalities and powers over every nation that influences the rulership of those nations. These are mighty powerful beings. Under these principalities and powers are demons: rulers of darkness and spiritual wickedness in heavenly places. Yahusha has given us authority of demons; but, as I understand, when we speak against Principalities and Powers, we should say YHWH rebukes you. Satan is a Principality over all these entities.

The Prince of Persia had already been encountered and yet there would be more spiritual warfare encounters with the Principality over Greece. These encounters would spill over into the physical realm but now Daniel was being made aware of these things written in the Scripture of Truth.

Psalm 119:1-24

The author of Psalm 119 is unknown and while some accredit it to David, others accredit it to Ezra. If it was Ezra, the key points below are very interesting.

TSK Cross-reference insights to Psalm 119: am 3560, B.C. 444 (Title), This Psalm, which was probably composed by Ezra, is another of the alphabetical Psalms. It consists of twenty-two parts, answering to the number of the Hebrew letters; every part being divided into eight verses, and each verse beginning with that letter which forms the title of the part; that is, the first part of eight verses with א, the second with ב, etc. It is an elegant, important, and useful composition; the chief subjects of which are the excellence of God's laws, and the happiness of those who observe them.

Since this Psalm was possibly composed by Ezra, let's look at who Ezra was. Excerpts from F.B. Myer states: Ezra was a Jew, sprung from the race of Aaron, and descended from the high priest who was slain at the capture of Jerusalem, 2Ki 25:18-21. Ezra, who was a great student of the holy writings, and a ready scribe in the Law of Moses. [Excerpt from Bible Hub]

All the Old Testament Scriptures (the Tanakh) from Exodus 24:12 forward into the Gospels, were lived out under the Book of the Law. It would be that way 'until' Yahusha would usher in the New Covenant under the Melchizedek Priesthood.

The Book of the Law was very welcomed and good in that it spared the very lives of the Israelites, after the sin of the golden calf at Mt. Sinai. However, as written in Deut. 27, it came with blessings and cursing. It was wonderful if everything was followed exactly without fail; but it was very deadly if not. The Book of the Law was without grace. It was imposed on the people, they either accepted it or they would die. The Book of the Law served as a tutor and stood as a witness against them for the sin of the golden calf. It would continue to stand until Yahusha would usher in the New Covenant, connecting us back to YHWH's promise given to Abraham; and allowing us by grace through faith to walk in Covenant Torah.

The Sacred Writings was Ezra's life. Ezra was a meticulous scribe and we know him as the one chosen to lead the Babylonian captives back to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple. The following excerpt was taken from TSK Cross-reference under '[Ezra – Book Comments]'. What an interesting background and a devout holy man.

'He appears to have made the Sacred Scriptures, during the captivity, his peculiar study; and, perhaps assisted by Nehemiah and the great synagogue, he corrected the errors which had crept into the Sacred Writings, through the negligence or mistake of transcribers; he collected all the books of which the Sacred Scriptures then consisted, disposed them in their proper order, and settled the canon of Scriptures for his time; he occasionally added, under the dictation of the Holy Spirit, whatever appeared necessary for the purpose of illustrating, completing, or connecting them; he substituted the modern for the ancient names of some places, which had now become obsolete; and transcribed the whole of the Scriptures into the Chaldee character. He is said to have lived to the age of 120 years, and, according to Josephus, was buried in Jerusalem; but the Jews believe he died in Persia, in a second journey to Artaxerxes, where his tomb is shown in the city of Zamusa.' **TSK Cross-reference.**

I would highly recommend reading a blog post on 'How to Read Psalm 119'. There are some anecdotal notes at the end that you do not want to miss.

<https://www.lifetolifeblog.com/how-to-read-psalm-119/>

Psalm 119 is the longest Psalm in the Bible as well as the longest chapter in the Bible. We will now take several days to enjoy Psalm 119.

Your Word Is a Lamp to My Feet

Psa 119:1 Aleph Blessed are the perfect in the way, Who walk in the Torah of יהוה!

Psa 119:2 Blessed are those who observe His witnesses, Who seek Him with all the heart!

Psa 119:3 Yes, they shall do no unrighteousness; They shall walk in His ways.

Psa 119:4 You have commanded us To guard Your orders diligently.

Psa 119:5 Oh, that my ways were established To guard Your laws!

Psa 119:6 Then I would not be ashamed, When I look into all Your commands.

Psa 119:7 I thank You with uprightness of heart, When I learn the right-rulings of Your righteousness.

Psa 119:8 I guard Your laws; Oh, do not leave me entirely!

Psa 119:9 **Bēt** How would a young man cleanse his path? To guard it according to Your word.

Psa 119:10 I have sought You with all my heart; Let me not stray from Your commands!

Psa 119:11 I have treasured up Your word in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

Psa 119:12 Blessed are You, O יהוה! Teach me Your laws.

Psa 119:13 With my lips I have recounted All the right-rulings of Your mouth.

Psa 119:14 I have rejoiced in the way of Your witnesses, As over all riches.

Psa 119:15 I meditate on Your orders, And regard Your ways.

Psa 119:16 I delight^a myself in Your laws; I do not forget Your word. Footnote: ^aSee also [Psa 119:24](#), [Psa 119:35](#), [Psa 119:47](#), [Psa 119:70](#), [Psa 119:77](#), [Psa 119:92](#), [Psa 119:143](#), [Psa 119:174](#), [Rom 7:22](#).

Psa 119:17 **Gimel** Do good to Your servant, Let me live and I guard Your word.

Psa 119:18 Open my eyes, that I might see Wonders from Your Torah.

Psa 119:19 I am a sojourner in the earth; Do not hide Your commands from me.

Psa 119:20 My being is crushed with longing For Your right-rulings at all times.

Psa 119:21 You rebuked the proud, cursed ones, Who are straying from Your commands.

Psa 119:22 Remove from me reproach and scorn, For I have observed Your witnesses.

Psa 119:23 Though princes sat, speaking against me, Your servant meditates on Your laws.

Psa 119:24 Your witnesses also are my delight, My counsellors.

The Floating Iron Axe Head

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