

**HARD TIMES, A HOT TEMPER,  
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## ***2 Kings 6:24-25 (NASB95)***

<sup>24</sup> Now it came about after this, that Ben-hadad king of Aram gathered all his army and went up and besieged Samaria.

<sup>25</sup> There was a great famine in Samaria; and **behold**, they besieged it, until a donkey's head was sold for eighty shekels of silver, and a fourth of a kab of dove's dung for five shekels of silver.

## ***2 Kings 6:26-29 (NASB95)***

<sup>26</sup> As the king of Israel was passing by on the wall a woman cried out to him, saying, "Help, my lord, O king!" <sup>27</sup> He said, "If the Lord does not help you, from where shall I help you? From the threshing floor, or from the wine press?" <sup>28</sup> And the king said to her, "What is the matter with you?" And she answered, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.' <sup>29</sup> "So we boiled my son and ate him; and I said to her on the next day, 'Give your son, that we may eat him'; but she has hidden her son."

## ***2 Kings 6:30 (NASB95)***

<sup>30</sup> When the king heard the words of the woman, he tore his clothes—now he was passing by on the wall—and the people looked, and behold, he had sackcloth beneath on his body.

## ***2 Kings 6:31-32 (NASB95)***

<sup>31</sup> Then he said, "May God do so to me and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat remains on him today."

<sup>32</sup> Now Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him. And the king sent a man from his presence; but before the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, "Do you see how this son of a murderer has sent to take away my head? Look, when the messenger comes, shut the door and hold the door shut against him. Is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?"

## ***2 Kings 6:33 (NASB95)***

<sup>33</sup> While he was still talking with them, **behold**, the messenger came down to him and he said, "**Behold**, this evil is from the Lord; why should I wait for the Lord any longer?"

## **2 Kings 7:1-2 (NASB95)**

<sup>1</sup> Then Elisha said, "Listen to the word of the Lord; thus says the Lord, 'Tomorrow about this time a measure of fine flour will be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.' "

<sup>2</sup> The royal officer on whose hand the king was leaning answered the man of God and said, "**Behold**, if the Lord should make windows in heaven, could this thing be?" Then he said, "**Behold**, you will see it with your own eyes, but you will not eat of it."

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