



Elisha's Ominous Syrian Vision

Hurrying Down to Disaster #10
2nd Kings 8:7-15

"Is God on my/our side?" is a foolish and possibly dangerous question for people like us who need to be asking instead, "Am I on God's side?"

- I. **King Ben-Hadad's error:** Jahweh God is essentially a strong resource for me to use (rather than the One I must love & serve).

- II. **Hazael's foolishness:** Jahweh God's prophetic prediction is my personal permission.

- III. **Elisha's wisdom:** Trust, obey and serve God whether or not you are able to understand and appreciate what He is doing.

Additional Notes:



*Ancient Ivory Inlay
thought to depict
Hazael of Syria
(Reign: 842-796 BC)*

And the Lord said to [Elijah], "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place.

- 1st Kings 19:15-17

**Covenant Presbyterian Church
of
Reno, Nevada**

September 29, 2024

Service for The Lord's Day

September 29, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us, or for our adversaries?" And he said, "No; but I am the commander of the army of the Lord. Now I have come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?"

– Joshua 5:13-14

We Gather as the Church, a People Belonging to the Lord God

Prelude Nancy Tedford, piano
Church Family News & Welcoming One Another Pastor Jay

With the Hosts of Heaven & All Creation, We Worship God

***Call to Worship** Psalm 57 (hymnal p.805) Jewel Potter

***Hymn of Praise** "Wondrous King, All-Glorious" #166

Dedication of Our 2025 Stewardship Pledges

Children's Prayer Time Katie Guerrero

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Songs of Praise

"King of Kings"
"In Christ Alone"

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Time of Offering

Choral Anthem "You Alone Are God" – McDonald
***Doxology (#731) & Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God's Word Teaches Us to Worship Him in Spirit & in Truth

Scripture Reading II Kings 8:7-15 (p.314)

Message: Elisha's Ominous Syrian Vision Pastor Jay Hull
Hurrying Down to Disaster (Within the Sovereign God's Plan of Redemption) #10

We Depart as Those Called to Be God's Good Stewards

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

***Closing Hymn of Praise** #644
"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude** Nancy Tedford,
organ



Elisha and Hazeael

*indicates to stand
if you are able