

- Song 143 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (1 min.)

### **TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD**

**"Jehovah Made the Unexpected Happen":  
(10 min.)**

**During a severe famine, Jehovah said that food supplies would be abundant the next day (2Ki 7:1; it-1 716-717)**

**(2 Kings 7:1)** E-li'sha now said, "Listen to the word of Jehovah. This is what Jehovah says: 'Tomorrow about this time at the gate of Sa-mar'i-a, a seah measure of fine flour will be worth a shekel, and two seah measures of barley will be worth a shekel.'"

\*\*\* it-1 pp. 716-717 Elisha \*\*\*

However, later on, Ben-hadad II invades, not with sporadic marauding forays, but in force and lays siege to Samaria. The siege is so severe that at least one case is reported to the king in which a woman eats her own son. As the offspring of Ahab, the "son of a murderer," King Jehoram swears to kill Elisha. But the rash oath is not carried out. Arriving at the prophet's house with his adjutant, Jehoram states that he has lost all hope of aid from Jehovah. Elisha assures the king that food supplies will be abundant the next day. The king's adjutant scoffs at this prediction, causing Elisha to tell him: "Here you are seeing it with your own eyes, but from it you will not eat." By a noise that Jehovah causes to be heard in the camp of the Syrians, they are led to believe that a great army of combined nations is advancing against them, and they flee, leaving the camp intact with all its food supplies. When the king finds out about the desertion of the Syrians, he puts the adjutant in charge of guarding the gate of Samaria, and there he is trampled to death when the starving crowd of Israelites rush out to plunder the camp. He sees the food but does not eat from it.—2Ki 6:24–7:20.

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**An Israelite official scoffed at Jehovah's promise (2Ki 7:2)**

**(2 Kings 7:2)** At that the adjutant whom the king relied on said to the man of the true God: "Even if Jehovah should open floodgates in the heavens, could this possibly take place?" To that he said: "You will see it with your own eyes, but you will not eat from it."

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**Jehovah made the unexpected happen (2Ki 7:6, 7, 16-18)**

**(2 Kings 7:6, 7)** For Jehovah had caused the Syrian camp to hear the sound of war chariots and horses, the sound of a huge army. So they said to one another: "Look! The king of Israel has hired the kings of the Hit'tites and the kings of Egypt to come against us!" <sup>7</sup> They immediately got up and fled in the evening darkness, leaving their tents, horses, donkeys, and the whole camp just as it was, and they fled for their lives.

**(2 Kings 7:16-18)** The people then went out and plundered the camp of the Syrians, so that a seah measure of fine flour came to be worth a shekel, and two seah measures of barley came to be worth a shekel, according to the word of Jehovah. <sup>17</sup> The king had appointed the adjutant whom he relied on to be in charge of the gate, but the people trampled him to death at the gate, just as the man of the true God had told the king when he came down to

him. <sup>18</sup> It happened just as the man of the true God had said to the king: "Two seah measures of barley will be worth a shekel, and a seah measure of fine flour will be worth a shekel tomorrow at this time at the gate of Sa-mar'i-a."

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Jehovah says that the destruction of this system will be sudden and unexpected. (1Th 5:2, 3) Why is it important for us to have faith in Jehovah's word?

- **(1 Thessalonians 5:2, 3)** For you yourselves know very well that Jehovah's day is coming exactly as a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> Whenever it is that they are saying, "Peace and security!" then sudden destruction is to be instantly on them, just like birth pains on a pregnant woman, and they will by no means escape.

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### Spiritual Gems:

**2Ki 8:19—How did Jehovah give "a lamp" to David and his sons? (it-2 195 ¶7)**

(2 Kings 8:19) 19 But Jehovah did not want to bring Judah to ruin for the sake of David his servant, since he had promised him to give a lamp to him and to his sons always.

\*\*\* it-2 p. 195 Lamp \*\*\*

Kings of the Line of David. Jehovah God established King David on the throne of Israel, and David proved to be a wise guide and leader of the nation, under God's direction. He was therefore called "the lamp of Israel." (2Sa 21:17) In his kingdom covenant with David, Jehovah promised: "Your very throne will become one firmly established to time indefinite." (2Sa 7:11-16) Accordingly, the dynasty, or family line, of rulers from David through his son Solomon was as a "lamp" to Israel.—1Ki 11:36; 15:4; 2Ki 8:19; 2Ch 21:7.

(2 Samuel 21:17) At once A-bish'ai the son of Ze-ru'iah came to his aid and struck the Phi-lis'tine down and put him to death. At that time the men of David swore this oath to him: "You must not go out with us to battle anymore! You must not extinguish the lamp of Israel!"

(2 Samuel 7:11-16) from the day that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. "Also, Jehovah has told you that Jehovah will make a house for you. 12 When your days come to an end and you are laid to rest with your forefathers, then I will raise up your offspring after you, your own son, and I will firmly establish his kingdom. 13 He is the one who will build a house for my name, and I will firmly establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I

will become his father, and he will become my son. When he does wrong, I will reprove him with the rod of men and with the strokes of the sons of men. 15 My loyal love will not be taken away from him the way I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 Your house and your kingdom will be secure forever before you; your throne will be firmly established forever.”””

(1 Kings 11:36) To his son I will give one tribe, so that David my servant may always have a lamp before me in Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen for myself as the place to put my name.

(1 Kings 15:4) However, on account of David, Jehovah his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem by raising up his son after him and keeping Jerusalem in existence.

(2 Kings 8:19) But Jehovah did not want to bring Judah to ruin for the sake of David his servant, since he had promised him to give a lamp to him and to his sons always.

(2 Chronicles 21:7) But Jehovah did not want to bring the house of David to ruin for the sake of the covenant that he had made with David, since he had promised to give a lamp to him and to his sons always.

What spiritual gems from this week's Bible reading would you like to share regarding Jehovah, the field ministry, or something else?

**Bible Reading: ) (4 min.)**  
**2Ki 7:1-11 (th study 2)**

(2 Kings 7:1-11) 7 E-li'sha now said, "Listen to the word of Jehovah. This is what Jehovah says: 'Tomorrow about this time at the gate of

Sa-mar'i-a, a seah measure of fine flour will be worth a shekel, and two seah measures of barley will be worth a shekel.'" 2 At that the adjutant whom the king relied on said to the man of the true God: "Even if Jehovah should open floodgates in the heavens, could this possibly take place?" To that he said: "You will see it with your own eyes, but you will not eat from it." 3 There were four lepers at the entrance of the city gate, and they said to one another: "Why are we sitting here until we die? 4 If we say, 'Let us go into the city,' while the famine is in the city, we would die there. And if we sit here, we will die anyway. So now let us go over to the camp of the Syrians. If they spare our lives, we will live, but if they put us to death, then we will die." 5 They then got up in the evening darkness and entered the camp of the Syrians. When they reached the outskirts of the Syrian camp, there was nobody there. 6 For Jehovah had caused the Syrian camp to hear the sound of war chariots and horses, the sound of a huge army. So they said to one another: "Look! The king of Israel has hired the kings of the Hit'tites and the kings of Egypt to come against us!" 7 They immediately got up and fled in the evening darkness, leaving their tents, horses, donkeys, and the whole camp just as it was, and they fled for their lives. 8 When these lepers reached the outskirts of the camp, they entered into one of the tents and began to eat and drink. They carried away from there silver, gold, and garments and went and hid them. Then they returned and entered another tent and carried things away from there and went and hid them. 9 Finally they said to one another: "What we are doing is not right. This day is a day of good news! If we hesitate and wait until dawn, we will deserve to be punished. Let us now go and report this at the king's house." 10 So they went and called out to the gatekeepers of the city and reported to them: "We went into the camp of the Syrians, but nobody was there—we did not hear anyone at all. There were only the horses and donkeys tied and the tents left just as they were." 11 At once the gatekeepers called out, and it was reported inside the king's house.

## APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

**Return Visit Video: (5 min.) Discussion.**  
**Play the video Return Visit: The Bible—**  
**Re 21:3, 4. Stop the video at each pause,**  
**and ask the audience the questions that**  
**appear in the video.**

(Revelation 21:3, 4) 3 With that I heard a loud voice from the throne say: “Look! The tent of God is with mankind, and he will reside with them, and they will be his people. And God himself will be with them. 4 And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.”

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**Return Visit: (4 min.) Begin with the sample conversation topic. Tell the person about our website, and leave a jw.org contact card. (th study 6)**

Return Visit

Question: What Bible promise gives us hope?

Scripture: Re 21:3, 4

Link: How can we understand the Bible?

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**Return Visit: (4 min.) Begin with the sample conversation topic. Invite the person to a meeting, and introduce and discuss (but do not play) the video What Happens at a Kingdom Hall? (th study 11)**

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### Local Needs: (15 min.)

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**Congregation Bible Study: (30 min.)**

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(Matthew 20:28) Just as the Son of man came, not to be ministered to, but to minister and to give his life as a ransom in exchange for many.”

(1 John 2:1) My little children, I am writing you these things so that you may not commit a sin. And yet, if anyone does commit a sin, we have a helper with the Father, Jesus Christ, a righteous one.

(1 Peter 3:18) For Christ died once for all time for sins, a righteous person for unrighteous ones, in order to lead you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

(John 3:16) “For God loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone exercising faith in him might not be destroyed but have everlasting life.

(Isaiah 65:21-23) They will build houses and live in them, And they will plant vineyards and eat their fruitage. 22 They will not build for someone else to inhabit, Nor will they plant for others to eat. For the days of my people will be like the days of a tree, And the work of their hands my chosen ones will enjoy to the full. 23 They will not toil for nothing, Nor will they bear children for distress, Because they are the offspring made up of those blessed by Jehovah, And their descendants with them.

(Romans 5:12) That is why, just as through one man sin entered into the world and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because they had all sinned—.

(John 3:16) “For God loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone exercising faith in him might not be destroyed but have everlasting life.

(1 Timothy 2:5, 6) For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, a man,

Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself a corresponding ransom for all—this is what is to be witnessed to in its own due time.

(Galatians 2:20) I am nailed to the stake along with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who is living in union with me. Indeed, the life that I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and handed himself over for me.

(John 19:1-7) Pilate then took Jesus and scourged him. 2 And the soldiers braided a crown of thorns and put it on his head and clothed him with a purple robe, 3 and they kept coming up to him and saying: “Greetings, you King of the Jews!” They also kept slapping him in the face. 4 Pilate went outside again and said to them: “See! I bring him outside to you in order for you to know that I find no fault in him.” 5 So Jesus came outside, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them: “Look! The man!” 6 However, when the chief priests and the officers saw him, they shouted: “To the stake with him! To the stake with him!” Pilate said to them: “Take him yourselves and execute him, for I do not find any fault in him.” 7 The Jews answered him: “We have a law, and according to the law he ought to die, because he made himself God’s son.”

(John 19:16-18) Then he handed him over to them to be executed on the stake. So they took charge of Jesus. 17 Bearing the torture stake for himself, he went out to the so-called Skull Place, which is called Gol’go’tha in Hebrew. 18 There they nailed him to the stake alongside two other men, one on each side, with Jesus in the middle.

• Concluding Comments (3 min.)

• Song 18 and Prayer