

ELISHA

the Miracle Prophet



A Case for Trust

- Elisha has brought “life” to a home
 - But, the child dies, and Elisha is not told!
 - Determined mother - Caught his feet...
 - “Did I ask?” having and losing...
 - Sends Gehazi, woman stays with Elisha!

A Staff and a Prophet

- Staff has no effect, Gehazi returns
- “the lad was dead” (32)
 - He enters, shuts the door, prays to the Lord
 - Stretched out and sneezing?
 - Call her... “take your son...”

Right Responses

- The mother comes in... what a response!
- Not running to the child...
- Fell at his feet again! Bowed to the ground
- This is a wealthy woman??!! A blessed one!
- Then takes up her son and leaves
- They will meet again – 1 Kings 8:1 ff

Hungry Prophets - vs. 38

- Elisha at Gilgal, near Bethel
 - Sons of the prophets in famine?
 - All effected by the same judgement
 - “put on the pot...” no miracle???
 - They had to work for their meal, in famine

A BAD Choice!

- Herbs and wild gourds
 - Hunger can dull discernment
 - Appearances can deceive (Heb 5:14)
 - Good intentions can lead to death
 - Bring meal/flour...

Now you bring bread? Vs. 42

- The prophets needed some help...
- Barley loaves, 1st fruits brought to God
 - Some of it left as grain (42)
 - Give it to them..
 - Attendant (Gehazi?) too little for too many

God's gifts

- "thus says the Lord..."
- They shall eat and have leftovers!
- A foreshadow of feeding by Messiah!
- According to the word of the Lord...