

2 Kings 8:7-15 **Elisha anointed Hazael king of Syria – Death of Ben-Hadad**

Death of Ben-Hadad king of Syria – Hazael becomes king in his place

7 Then Elisha went to Damascus, and Ben-Hadad king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, "The man of God has come here." 8 And the king said to Hazael, "Take a present in your hand, and go to meet the man of God, and inquire of the Lord by him, saying, 'Shall I recover from this disease?'" 9 So Hazael went to meet him and took a present with him, of every good thing of Damascus, forty camel-loads; and he came and stood before him, and said, "Your son Ben-Hadad king of Syria has sent me to you, saying, 'Shall I recover from this disease?'"

10 And Elisha said to him, "Go, say to him, 'You shall certainly recover.' However the Lord has shown me that he will really die." 11 Then he set his countenance in a stare until he was ashamed; and the man of God wept. 12 And Hazael said, "Why is my lord weeping?"

He answered, "Because I know the evil that you will do to the children of Israel: Their strongholds you will set on fire, and their young men you will kill with the sword; and you will dash their children, and rip open their women with child."

13 So Hazael said, "But what is your servant — a dog, that he should do this gross thing?"

And Elisha answered, "The Lord has shown me that you will become king over Syria."

14 Then he departed from Elisha, and came to his master, who said to him, "What did Elisha say to you?" And he answered, "He told me you would surely recover." 15 But it happened on the next day that he took a thick cloth and dipped it in water, and spread it over his face so that he died; and Hazael reigned in his place.

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Facts Revealed:

Death of Ben-Hadad king of Syria – Hazael becomes king in his place [2 Kings 8:7-15]

- ✧ The command to anoint Hazael as king of Syria was given to Elijah by Yahweh at the cave in Mount Horeb. [1 Kings 19:15] see [1 Kings 19:1-18]
- ✧ Elisha accomplished the commandment at an opportune time. [2 Kings 8:7-15]
- ✧ Elisha went to Damascus when Ben-Hadad king of Syria was sick. [2 Kings 8:7]
- ✧ When Ben-Hadad heard that Elisha the man of Elohiym was in town he sent a present by the hand of Hazael to inquire if he would recover from his sickness. [2 Kings 8:8]
- ✧ Hazael brought to Elisha 40 camel loads of every good thing of Damascus, with the inquiry regarding Ben-Hadad's sickness. [2 Kings 8:9]
- ✧ Elisha said to him, "Go, say to him, 'You shall certainly recover.' However the Lord has shown me that he will really die." [2 Kings 8:10]
 - ✧ The sickness is not fatal, but Ben-Hadad will die anyway.
 - ✧ Elisha stared as in a trance, and began to weep. Hazael asked why he was weeping. [2 Kings 8:11-12]
- ✧ Elisha answered, "Because I know the evil that you will do to the children of Israel: Their strongholds you will set on fire, and their young men you will kill with the sword; and you will dash their children, and rip open their women with child." [2 Kings 8:12]
 - ✧ The Holy Spirit revealed in detail to Elisha the things that would come upon Israel at the hands of Hazael.

✧ Hazael said, "But what is your servant — a dog, that he should do this great mighty thing?" [2 Kings 8:13]

✧ Elisha answered, "The Lord has shown me that you will become king over Syria." [2 Kings 8:13]

✧ When Hazael returned, Ben-Hadad asked what Elisha said about his sickness. Hazael told him that the sickness was not fatal and he would recover from it. [2 Kings 8:14]

✧ But it happened on the next day that Hazael took a thick cloth and dipped it in water, and spread it over Ben-Hadad's face so that he died; and Hazael reigned in his place.

✧ The words of Elisha proved true.

✧ Yahweh had said to Elijah in the cave on Mount Horeb,

¹⁵ Then Yahweh (the Lord) said to Elijah: "Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ **It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill.** [1 Kings 19:15-17]