

Maybe this is how you feel Ecclesiastes 10:1

Children of Israel are under siege, surrounded by the full might the Syrian King Ben-Hadad

I Famine II Kings 6:24-31

A) Lack of Food – A Depressed city Psalm 69:1-4

Donkey's head 80 shekels \$1600

Dove Droppings 5 shekels \$100

Death seems Real II Corinthians 4:7-8

Terror is on the outside

B) Lack of Morals – We may eat your son today and we will eat mine tomorrow.

Who do you turn to when times get tough? Psalm 20:7

These women turned to the king and not to the LORD

Compromise Proverbs 31:8-9

Devaluation of human life.

The weak were the first to suffer.

Infanticide and cannibalism

The rationale is often partially economic

Abortion infanticide and euthanasia

Darwinism will lead to Death

Life is Precious to God Genesis 1:26-27 & II Peter 3:9

C) Lack of Leadership

Impotent faithless leadership

The King wanted to maintain his dignity

He tore his clothes but not his heart

Joel 2:11-13

Blame it on God's man v 31

He loved the praise of men more than the praise of God

John 12:42-43

Amos 8:11-12 Are YOU hungry for the Word of God?

I Peter 2:2 Crave the word of God

II CONFIDENCE II Kings 6:32-7:2

A) Elisha Prophecies v 32 before the messenger came to him

Isaiah 65:24 A close personal relationship with God

B) Elisha is not impressed v 32 this son of a murder is coming to take my head

Paul before Agrippa Acts 26:29

Jesus before Pilate John 19:11

C) The King blames God v 33

Elisha vs Elijah

I Kings 19:1-4

D) A Voice of Hope - God will Provide – All you can eat buffet \$20 (for the whole family) v 1

Ephesians 2:7 The Exceeding Riches of His Grace

II Corinthians 9:8 The Abounding Grace of God

E) A Voice of Judgment - A Lack of Faith v2

I Corinthians 3:19-20 Unbelief is so arrogant!

God provides despite the unbelief in him.

This is the natural mind of man doing that which comes naturally to him arguing with the Word of God.

I Cor 2:14

Hebrews 2:1-4 Do not neglect so great a salvation

John 20:27-29 Do not be unbelieving but believing

III NEW LIFE 7:3-8

FOUR Lepers – A Old Testament metaphor for sinners Romans 5:21 & Ephesians 2:1

We are going to die! Desperate Sinners If I perish, I Perish (Esther 4:16)

 If we go to the city we will die, if we stay here, we will die.

We Need Life

The Enemy was Gone

 Deuteronomy 20:4 The LORD fights for you

Bountiful Blessings Nehemiah 9:15 God provided for Israel

 Revelation 7 A scene in heaven for the Martyrs who come out of the great tribulation.

 They ate! Bread of Life

 They Drank! Living Water

 New Clothes

 Gold Silver I Corinthians 3:12-15

 They hid it Matthew 5:14-16 & Matthew 25:24-30

IV GOOD NEWS II Kings 7:9-20

What we are doing is not right – Don't bury the gospel (good news)

Matthew 5:14-16 & Matthew 25:24-30

They went back to the world that they left

John 17:15-19 Jesus Chose not to take us out of the world, but to send us into the world.

They told of salvation and victory

The Skeptic – it's a trap

Don't believe the lie II Thessalonian 2:9-12

GOD OPENED THE HEAVENS - Prophecy was fulfilled

Joshua 21:45 All Came to pass

Unbelief led to death

John 3:14-19