

Reading assignment for week 15 (April 9): 2 King 7-25; 1 Chronicles 1-4

Theme: Influence

Memory: 1 Chronicles 4:10 *"...O that you would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that your hand would be with me, and that you would keep me from evil that I may not cause pain..."*

Consider/discuss

1. Faced with an overwhelming threat, Elisha said to his assistant, *"Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are against us"* (2 Kings 6.16). How did Elisha know there was such an impressive army of angels ready to protect him?
2. In 2 Kings 12:2 it states the young king was greatly influenced by a man. Who was the man and how did he influence the young king? How does this story apply to us?
3. In 2 Kings 13:5 God raised up an unnamed person to protect the Jewish people. Describe a time when you were blessed by a nondescript person.
4. The proponents of the doctrine of "generational sin" state each generation inherits the sins of previous generations and punished for those sins. What does 2 Kings 14:6 have to say about this teaching?
5. In 2 Kings 17:29ff we see the practice of pluralism. In your opinion, is the sin of pluralism prevalent in our culture today? What do we learn from this story?