

# **GOD OF THE TURNAROUND**

## **UNEXPECTED TURN AROUND FROM UNEXPECTED PLACE**

**Main Text: 2 KING 7:3-19**

### **BACKGROUND**

**Samaria was the capital of the Northern Kingdom of Israel.**

**It was condemned by the prophet because of the rich culture and the pagan worship throughout the city.**

**The first-century historian [Josephus](#) set the [Mediterranean Sea](#) as its limit to the west, and the [Jordan River](#) as its limit to the east.**

**It's now part of the West Bank under Palestinian control. Palestinians do not call it Samaria today.**

**Jews hated the Samaritans.**

**Ben-Hadad - his name means "son of Hadad or false god."**

**A great number of men with horses and chariots were sent by the king of Syria to the city of Dothan where Elisha lived.**

**They go to get Elisha. He knew they were coming. He told his men they were coming. They knew they were out numbered, but Elisha had heard from the Lord that He would make a way.**

**He prayed to God to open his servant's eyes, and the young man suddenly saw that the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.**

**When the Syrians were surrounding his house, Elisha prayed to God to hit them with blindness.**

**God did exactly that and the men could no longer recognize him or the place. Elisha offered to lead them to the man they were seeking, and the men followed him. He led**

**them to Samaria. Then he prayed to God to open their eyes, and they found themselves in the heart of the capital of Israel, at the mercy of its king.**

**The king wanted to kill them. Elisha told him no.**

**He told him to feed them and then send them back to their king.**

**The king becomes livid and sends all of his men to besiege the city.**

**Favor. Despite the king of Samaria's failure, lack of repentance and lack of faith God was still going to deliver - undeserved grace.**

**Because the king couldn't see it God used four unlikely individuals to bring about the turn around.**

**Gehazi and his 3 sons.**

**Don't count yourself out because of what you have been through or are walking through.**

**The miracle of provision would not have been discovered had it not been for these four men.**

**What you might be going through might be positioning you for your breakthrough.**

**Desperation will position you in places other people will miss.**