

I. God Allows A Season of Testing (1-2)

A. Be prepared for periodic shifts (1) – “Now Elisha had said to the woman whose son he had restored to life, “Arise, and depart with your household, and sojourn wherever you can, for the Lord has called for a famine, and it will come upon the land for seven years.” Sometimes God ordains a deliverance, sometimes He ordains a departing

B. Remain steadfast in long obedience (2) – “So the woman arose and did according to the word of the man of God. She went with her household and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.””

C. Move forward in confident expectation (3) – “And at the end of the seven years, when the woman returned from the land of the Philistines, she went to appeal to the king for her house and her land.””

II. God Ordains A Circumstance For Turnaround (4-6a)

A. He will supply the right people (4) – “Now the king was talking with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, “Tell me all the great things that Elisha has done.”

“The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He will.” – Proverbs 21:1

B. He will ordain the perfect timing (5a) – “And while he was telling the king how Elisha had restored the dead to life, behold, the woman whose son he had restored to life appealed to the king for her house and her land.””

C. He will empower your voice (5b-6a) – “And Gehazi said, “My lord, O king, here is the woman, and here is her son whom Elisha restored to life. 6a And when the king asked the woman, she told him.””

III. God Provides For A Spectacular Testimony (6b)

“So the king appointed an official for her, saying, “Restore all that was hers, together with all the produce of the fields from the day that she left the land until now.” Everything that was delayed would not be denied”

“I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten - the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, My great army, which I sent among you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.” – Joel 2:25-26

“Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” – Ephesians 3:20-21