

390. The Syrian's Siege on Samaria and Resulting Famine **(2 Kings 6:24-7:20)**

1. Do you believe that hardship brings out the best or the worst in people, and why?

Famine in Besieged Samaria—2 Kings 6:24-7:2

2. What were the living conditions and prices of goods for the people trapped inside the city of Samaria? (6:25)
3. Who called out to the king of Israel as he was walking along the wall? (6:26)
4. What awful grievance did the woman detail for the king? (6:28-29)
5. What was the king's reaction to the woman's story? (6:30)
6. Whom did the king of Israel hold accountable for the suffering in Israel? (6:31)
Why is it tempting to blame others when we are suffering?
7. What was the king of Israel ready to do in his desperation? (6:33)
8. What did Elisha prophesy about the suffering in Samaria? (7:1)
9. Who heard Elisha's prophecy and found it incredible? (7:2) What did Elisha predict would happen to the doubter? (7:2)

The Siege Lifted—2 Kings 7:3-20

10. What decision did four lepers make out of desperation? (7:3-4)
11. Why had the Syrian army panicked and fled? (7:6-7)
12. What did the lepers do when they found all of the abandoned provisions? (7:8)
13. What did the lepers realize was wrong about their behavior? (7:9)
14. What was the king of Israel's theory about the startling turn of events? (7:12)
15. Whom did the king put in charge of the gate when news reached the city? (7:17)
16. How did the manner of his death bear out the prophecy Elisha had spoken? (7:17-20)