



The Threshing Floor

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The Seers-Part 2

(Elisha, the Seer of Secrets)

Continuing from part 1, and the unfolding of the ben-navi (sons of the prophets), we again see how in times of extreme troubles, the Creator raises up in His people the prophets/seers as strategically placed agents of the spirit.

Review notes from part 1:

1 Samuel 9:9 - "In earlier times in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, thus he said, 'Come, and let us go to the seer;' for he who is now called a prophet was before called a Seer."

seer

Noun

1. a person with unusual powers of foresight
(synonym) visionary, illusionist
(hypernym) intellectual, intellect
(hyponym) anticipator, anticipant
(derivation) visualize, visualise, envision, project, fancy, see, figure, picture, image
2. an observer who perceives visually; "an incurable seer of movies"
(hypernym) **perceiver, observer, beholder**
(derivation) watch, view, see, catch, take in
3. **an authoritative person who divines the future**
(synonym) prophet, oracle, vaticinator
(hypernym) diviner
(hyponym) **augur, auspex**

According to I Samuel 9:9, the old name for navi is *ro'eh*, האר, which literally means "Seer". That could document an ancient shift, from viewing prophets as seers for hire to viewing them as moral teachers. Allen (1971) comments that in the First Temple Era, there were essentially seer-priests, who formed a guild, divined, performed rituals and sacrifices, and were scribes, and then there were canonical prophets, who did none of these (and were against divination) and had instead a message to deliver. The seer-priests were usually attached to a local shrine or temple, such as Shiloh, and initiated

others as priests in that priesthood: it was a mystical craft-guild with apprentices and recruitment. Canonical prophets were not organised this way. **The similar term *ben-navi* ("son of the prophet") means "member of a seer-priest guild".**

Elisha-The Merciful Seer

The Seers are the supernatural spies of the Lord, and strategic intercessors in his affairs. The prophet Elisha carried the spirit of Elijah...a DOUBLE portion (2 Kings 2:9). Elisha performed miracles: raised the dead, healed the sick, and multiplied food supplies. This double portion of Elijah was the foreshadowing of the Messiah, as Elijah was the spirit of John the Baptist (Malachi 4:5)---an interplay of prophetic shadowings in that Elijah's removal from the scene, his supernatural chariot ride---his translation---began the ministry of Elisha---"He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30). Elisha called Elijah "*his father, his father*", as *Elijah was lifted up in the chariot* (2 Kings 2:12).

This period of Israel's history was one of great wars, famines, and plagues. It was also a time of fantastic miracles and a resurgence of the *ben-navi* (the sons of the prophets---the priest guilds). 2 Kings records several communities of prophets, including Jericho and Bethel. Israel, in a time of great distress, was served by the presence of these prophets as a bulwark against destruction, both national and personal.

Elisha operated as a true seer in "knowing" the events around him, and acting as an executor of strategic operations, mercy, and judgment. He "knew"...he saw...what the Lord directed him to know. It was also a time of extreme judgment, much like the early church of the apostles in Acts:

2 Kings 5 relates the story of the leprous Syrian commander, Naaman, who was sent to Israel to be healed. The king of Israel, fearful that this was a veiled enemy incursion, rent his clothes in anguish. But Elisha, having word of this, told the king to send Naaman (with his security force) to he, Elisha, that they may know "there is a prophet in Israel".

Elisha directs Naaman to wash seven times in the Jordan, despite his protest that the that the rivers of Damascus were "better" than the waters of Israel. Short story: at the word of Elisha Naaman is cleansed after bathing seven times in the Jordan<something supernatural here>. Naaman offers Elisha a great reward of riches (as discussed on the last show, it was customary in the earlier times of the *ben-navi* to be given gifts of homage), but Elisha refuses. (v.16)

Naaman then offers the "servant" (disciple) of Elisha a reward of land. (v.17)

What occurs next is instructive:

2 Kings 5: 20 But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, as the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him.

21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is all well? {Is...: Heb. Is there peace?}

22 And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.

23 And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them upon two of his servants; and they bare them before him.

24 And when he came to the tower, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed. {tower: or, secret place}

25 But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence comest thou, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went no whither. {nowhere}

26 And he said unto him, Went not mine heart with thee, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?

27 The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.

Key points:

- **Elisha operated in mercy.** He sees the heart of the Creator to show Himself strong and merciful, even toward a fearsome enemy. This healing leads Naaman to know YAHWEH, and to worship Him in place of Rimmon, the god of the Syrians. In a shadowing of Christ's work, this healing brings FAITH in the Father---a salvation.
- **Elisha operated in justice.** Refusing to take patronage for the healing, and giving the glory to God. Prophets/seers reflect the nature and character of the Father.
- **Elisha moved in judgment.** Gehazi acts deceptively to acquire gain from Naaman, who gladly obliges; the old English text of verse 24 somewhat hides what Gehazi did with the goods of Naaman---he hides the goods in his personal chamber; he then LIES to the seer (bad move!) as his whereabouts (v. 25)---who is, after all, a SEER. As result, Gehazi is cursed by Elisha with the very leprosy, which Naaman was cure...even unto his generations! Whoa!

This episode reminds me of the story of Ananais and Sapphira in Acts 5, when Peter declares judgment: "...why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost...? (Acts 5:3).

Understand this: in times of extreme movement of God's prophets, very strict rules are in effect. The "bar is raise", the standards and penalties go up for the servants of the Most High. It is very "sudden death"...there is no "penalty box", or time outs in the inner court. This is a consistent standard for God's servants (see the famous "strange fire" incident in Lev. 10:1 and Numbers 3:4 and 26:61)---they are held to strict obedience. This is to return along with the power of the Holy Ghost---the force of God. Extreme judgment will be visited again on ALL who receive power!

I cannot stress this enough here: **Unto whom much is given, much is required.** (Luke 12:48). If you pray for, strive for, and receive supernatural power---you WILL live by supernatural standards.

Let's look at one more episode of Elisha the Seer and try to grab a parallel to the days ahead:

2 Kings 6:8 Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp.

9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down.

10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.

11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel?

12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, **the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.** {None: Heb. No}

OK---so, Elisha is, in a very real sense “remote viewing” the battle plans of the enemy. Remember, it is the work of the Seer to have access, in the spirit realm, to events beyond place and time---inter-dimensional espionage. This is why, by the way, the militaries around the globe have been involved in paranormal warfare techniques since the 1930s...Hitler scoured the Earth for the Ark of the Temple, kept Tibetan monks in residence, and operated occult rituals to gain a supernatural advantage. This would later transfer to the US under Operation Paperclip, the transformation of the OSS to the CIA, using assets brought into service from the Nazis. This is the origin of projects such as Montauk, the Philadelphia Experiment, MKUltra and dozens of related “black budget” projects.

The “real deal” will be the **Force of YAHWEH** raised up to battle the ruling elites---and their leader, Satan, himself, in the war for Planet Earth. This is the great war that is forming. Supernatural events, super soldiers, remote viewers will be confounded by these new Elishas.

13 ¶ And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan.

14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, **an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots.** And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? {the servant: or, the minister}

16 And he answered, **Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.**

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. **And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.**

18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And **he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.**

What are super soldiers, genetically altered warriors, and occult psychic armies going to do when a SINGLE prophet, surrounded by legions of YAHWEH’s own warrior-angels, can blind them and take them captive? What will the illuminati do when all their plans are known in advance by God’s people? Look, this will be the times in which scripture (Luke 21:26) says men’s hearts will fail them (a coronary) as they see what is occurring. Did you ever wonder WHAT those events would be?

One more time, here, Elisha operates in an “economy” of justice and mercy. The king of Israel asks Elisha: “should we kill them all?” (v.21) Elisha directs the king (notice the authority here) to not only not kill them, but to treat them as POWs, and feed and water them! Gosh---the Geneva Convention in 825 B.C.

But it gets better:

(v.22) Thou shalt not smite them: **wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow?** set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master. (v.23) And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten

and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. **So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.**

Elisha, operating from the HEART of God, is just and merciful, and secures Israel from the armies of the Syrians. Do you see this? We have to wrap our minds around the nature and character of YAHWEH. Vengeance is HIS. The old prophet did execute judgments: Moses ordered the deaths of 3,000 Israelites at the "golden calf" incident (Exodus 32); Elijah slew 450 prophets of Baal (Jezebel's table) at the Gihon spring (1 Kings 18:40); the Lord, Himself burned up the disobedient sons of Aaron in the "strange fire" incident...God DOES judge...and He does execute HORRIBLY. But mercy and justice is His primary nature.

Again, we are talking about the seers...the prophets; those who are called and empowered to operate in the power, the supernatural dimension (which is actually "natural"---we are spirits, thus we operate in the spirit WHEN we move out of the "normal" conditioning of this present world); The bar is high! We cannot operate in power until we operate in the HEART of the Father/Son/Holy Ghost. Elisha had, not only the supernatural power of the seer, he was aligned with God purposes---his ways are higher than our ways...

Understand, these men---and they were men---we not perfect; but they were, to varying degrees, constituted and disposed to a nature of obedience. Elisha is able to command the king of Israel, but only by submitting to the Father and operating on HIS word and authority. Also it is clear that even the "servants" of the prophets, those of the community, like Gehazi, are subject to strict standards---and those standards are all measured by temperament of the Father. Gehazi, like Ananias and Sapphira, would have been spared his life except that **he lied**, not repenting, not confessing to the prophet, but lying to the Holy Ghost.

Because we've seen not such power in the present age...nor men with the authority of the Holy Ghost...we've not seen "extreme judgment, either. There seems to be a principle...a coefficient of the spirit, so to speak: as power increases, as prophets, judges, and seers ascend again...(and, yes. We will see the return of the "offices) as forces align for this great supernatural warfare; one of the key elements of walking in calling will be to receive the HEART OF GOD. This may be called in the old books "judgment in the gates"...the servants of the Father (and you will all BE servants, or you will be part of the "multitude") will see things FROM God; not from their own limited perspective. As with Elisha, this will be wisdom, knowledge, authority and power---in that order---and consciences that are pure, sanctified, and not defiled by greed, lust, and deception---it will not be tolerated, and it WILL be judged by the words of the prophets.

Metaphorically, the prophets will be the elders of the tribes---not a literal 144,000 or a literal 12 tribes (but, that could occur)---The Seal (Jesus)...The Mark of their GOD will perfect this for the saints in the great battle. This is for you...you need to grab this. It's big, it's supernatural, and it is time to prepare.

Agape!