

II Kings 4:1-37

(1) A certain woman, the wife of one of the disciples of the prophets, cried out to Elisha: “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know how your servant revered GOD. And now a creditor is coming to seize my two children as slaves.” (2) Elisha said to her, “What can I do for you? Tell me, what have you in the house?” She replied, “Your maidservant has nothing at all in the house, except a jug of oil.” (3) “Go,” he said, “and borrow vessels outside, from all your neighbors, empty vessels, as many as you can. (4) Then go in and shut the door behind you and your children, and pour [oil] into all those vessels, removing each one as it is filled.” (5) She went away and shut the door behind her and her children. They kept bringing [vessels] to her and she kept pouring. (6) When the vessels were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another vessel.” He answered her, “There are no more vessels”; and the oil stopped. (7) She came and told the agent of God, and he said, “Go sell the oil and pay your debt, and you and your children can live on the rest.” (8) One day Elisha visited Shunem. A wealthy woman lived there, and she urged him to have a meal; and whenever he passed by, he would stop there for a meal. (9) Once she said to her husband, “I am sure it is a holy agent of God who comes this way regularly. (10) Let us make a small enclosed upper chamber and place a bed, a table, a chair, and a lampstand there for him, so that he can stop there whenever he comes to us.” (11) One day he came there; he retired to the upper chamber and lay down there. (12) He said to his servant Gehazi, “Call that Shunammite.” He called her, and she stood before him. (13) He said to him, “Tell her, ‘You have gone to all this trouble for us. What can we do for you? Can we speak in your behalf to the king or to the army commander?’” She replied, “I

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(א) וְאִשָּׁה אַחַת מִנְּשֵׂי בְנֵי-הַנְּבִיאִים צָעָקָה אֶל-אֵלִישָׁע לֵאמֹר עֲבַדְךָ אִישׁ מֵת וְאַתָּה יָדַעְתָּ כִּי עֲבַדְךָ הָיָה יְרֵא אֶת-יְהוָה וְהַנְּשִׂיָּה בָּא לְקַחַת מִּי אֶת-שְׁנֵי יְלָדָי לִוְעֲבָדִים: (ב) וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלֶיהָ אֵלִישָׁע מַה אֲעֲשֶׂה-לָּךְ הַגִּידִי לִי מֵהַיֵּשׁ-[לָּךְ] (לכ"י) בְּבֵית וְתֹאמַר אֵין לְשִׁפְחָתְךָ כָּל בְּבֵית כִּי אִם-אֶסוּף שָׁמֹן: (ג) וַיֹּאמֶר לְכִי שְׂאֲלִי-לָךְ כְּלִים מִן-הַחֹוּץ מֵאֵת כָּל-[שְׂכֵנֶיךָ] (שכנכי) כְּלִים רַקִּים אֶל-תִּמְעָטִי: (ד) וּבָאת וּסְגַרְתְּ הַדְּלֵת בַּעֲדֶךָ וּבַעֲד-בָנֶיךָ וַיִּצְקֵת עַל כָּל-הַכְּלִים הָאֵלֶּה וְהַמָּלֵא תִסָּעִי: (ה) וְתִלְךְ מֵאֵתוֹ וְתִסְגַּר הַדְּלֵת בַּעֲדָהּ וּבַעֲד בְּנֵיהָ הֵם מִגִּישִׁים אֵלֶיהָ וְהִיא (מיצקת) [מוצקת]: (ו) וַיְהִי | כַּמְּלֵאת הַכְּלִים וְתֹאמַר אֶל-בְּנֵיהָ הַגִּישָׁה אֵלַי עוֹד כָּלִי וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלֶיהָ אֵין עוֹד כָּלִי וַיַּעֲמֵד הַשָּׁמֹן: (ז) וּתְבֹא וְתִגַּד לְאִישׁ הָאֱלֹהִים וַיֹּאמֶר לְכִי מִכְּרִי אֶת-הַשָּׁמֹן וְשִׁלְמִי אֶת-[נִשְׁיֶךָ] (נשיכי) וְאַתָּה [וּבְנֵיךָ] (בניכי) תִּחְיִי בְנוֹתַי: (ח) וַיְהִי הַיּוֹם וַיַּעֲבֹר אֵלִישָׁע אֶל-שׁוּנֵם וְשָׁם אִשָּׁה גְדוֹלָה וְתַחֲזֹק-בֹּו לְאַכְלֵלָחֶם וַיְהִי מִדֵּי עֲבָרוֹ יָסַר שָׁמָּה לְאַכְלֵלָחֶם: (ט) וְתֹאמַר אֶל-אִשָּׁה הַנְּהַנָּא יָדַעְתִּי כִּי אִישׁ אֱלֹהִים קָדוֹשׁ הוּא עָבַר עָלֵינוּ תָּמִיד: (י) נַעֲשֶׂה-נָּא עֲלֵית-קִיר קִטְנָה וְנִשְׂמִים לִוְ שָׁם מִטָּה וְשִׁלְחָן וְכִסֵּא וּמְנוּרָה וְהָיָה בְּבֹאוֹ אֵלֵינוּ יָסוּר שָׁמָּה: (יא) וַיְהִי הַיּוֹם וַיָּבֵא שָׁמָּה וַיָּסַר אֶל-הַעֲלִיָּה וַיִּשְׂכַּב-שָׁמָּה: (יב) וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל-גִּיחֲזִי נַעֲרוֹ קְרֵא לְשׁוּנַמִּית הַזֹּאת וַיִּקְרָא-לָּהּ וְתַעֲמֵד לְפָנָיו: (יג) וַיֹּאמֶר לֹו אָמַר-נָּא אֵלֶיהָ הֲנֵה חֲרַדְתְּ | אֵלֵינוּ אֶת-כָּל-הַחֲרָדָה הַזֹּאת מֵהַ לַעֲשׂוֹת לָךְ הֲיִשׁ לְדַבֵּר-לָךְ אֶל-הַמֶּלֶךְ אוֹ אֶל-שָׂר הַצָּבָא וְתֹאמַר בְּתוֹךְ עַמִּי אֲנֹכִי יִשָּׁבֵת: (יד) וַיֹּאמֶר וּמָה לַעֲשׂוֹת לָהּ וַיֹּאמֶר גִּיחֲזִי אֲבַל בֵּן אִיזְלָה וְאִשָּׁה זָקֹן:

live among my own people.” (14) “What then can be done for her?” he asked. “The fact is,” said Gehazi, “she has no son, and her husband is old.” (15) “Call her,” he said. He called her, and she stood in the doorway. (16) And Elisha said, “At this season next year, you will be embracing a son.” She replied, “Please, my lord, agent of God, do not delude your maidservant.” (17) The woman conceived and bore a son at the same season the following year, as Elisha had assured her. (18) The child grew up. One day, he went out to his father among the reapers. (19) [Suddenly] he cried to his father, “Oh, my head, my head!” He said to a servant, “Carry him to his mother.” (20) He picked him up and brought him to his mother. And the child sat on her lap until noon; and he died. (21) She took him up and laid him on the bed of the agent of God, and left him and closed the door. (22) Then she called to her husband: “Please, send me one of the servants and one of the jennies, so I can hurry to the agent of God and back.” (23) But he said, “Why are you going to him today? It is neither new moon nor sabbath.” She answered, “It’s all right.” (24) She had the jenny saddled, and said to her servant, “Urge it on; see that I don’t slow down unless I tell you.” (25) She went on until she came to the agent of God on Mount Carmel. When the agent of God saw her from afar, he said to his servant Gehazi, “There is that Shunammite. (26) Go, hurry toward her and ask her, ‘How are you? How is your husband? How is the child?’” “We are well,” she replied. (27) But when she came up to the agent of God on the mountain, she clasped his feet. Gehazi stepped forward to push her away; but the agent of God said, “Let her alone, for she is in bitter distress; and GOD has hidden it from me and has not told me.” (28) Then she said, “Did I ask my lord for a son? Didn’t I say: ‘Don’t mislead me?’” (29) He said to Gehazi, “Tie up your skirts, take my staff in your hand, and go. If you meet anyone, do not greet him; and if anyone greets you, do not answer him. And place my staff on the face of the boy.” (30) But the boy’s mother said, “As GOD

(טו) וַיֹּאמֶר קָרָא לָהּ וַיִּקְרָא לָהּ וַתַּעֲמֵד בַּפֶּתַח: (טז) וַיֹּאמֶר לְמוֹעֵד הַזֶּה כָּעֵת חַיָּה (אֵת) חֲבֻקַת בֶּן וַתֹּאמֶר אֶל-אֲדֹנָי אִישׁ הָאֱלֹהִים אֶל-תִּכְוֹב בְּשִׁפְחָתְךָ: (יז) וַתֵּהָרֵה הָאִשָּׁה וַתֵּלֵד בֶּן לְמוֹעֵד הַזֶּה כָּעֵת חַיָּה אֲשֶׁר-דִּבֶּר אֵלֶיהָ אֱלִישָׁע: (יח) וַיִּגְדַּל הַיֶּלֶד וַיְהִי הַיּוֹם וַיֵּצֵא אֶל-אָבִיו אֶל-הַקְּצָרִים: (יט) וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל-אָבִיו רֵאשִׁי | רֵאשִׁי וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל-הַנָּעַר שָׂאֵהוּ אֶל-אִמּוֹ: (כ) וַיִּשְׁאָהוּ וַיְבִיֵּאֵהוּ אֶל-אִמּוֹ וַיֵּשֶׁב עַל-בְּרִכְיָה עַד-הַצֹּהָרִים וַיָּמָת: (כא) וַתַּעַל וַתִּשְׁכַּבְהוּ עַל-מִטָּת אִישׁ הָאֱלֹהִים וַתִּסְגֹּר בְּעֵדוֹ וַתֵּצֵא: (כב) וַתִּקְרָא אֶל-אִשָּׁהּ וַתֹּאמֶר שְׁלַחָה נָא לִי אֶחָד מִן-הַנְּעָרִים וְאַחַת הָאֲתוֹנוֹת וְאָרוּצָה עַד-אִישׁ הָאֱלֹהִים וְאָשׁוּבָה: (כג) וַיֹּאמֶר מַדּוּעַ (אֵת) [אֵת] (הַלְכָתִי) [הַלְכָתִי] אֵלָיו הַיּוֹם לֹא-חֹדֶשׁ וְלֹא שַׁבָּת וַתֹּאמֶר שָׁלוֹם: (כד) וַתַּחְבֹּשׁ הָאֲתוֹן וַתֹּאמֶר אֶל-נְעָרָה נְהַג וּלְךָ אֶל-תַּעֲצָר-לִי לְרֹכֵב כִּי אִם-אֶמְרָתִי לָךְ: (כה) וַתֵּלֵךְ וַתִּבֹּא אֶל-אִישׁ הָאֱלֹהִים אֶל-הָהָר הַכַּרְמֶל וַיְהִי כִּרְאוֹת אִישׁ-הָאֱלֹהִים אֹתָהּ מִנְּגֵד וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל-גִּיחִזִּי נִעְרוּ הַגָּה הַשּׁוֹנֵמִית הַלּוֹ: (כו) עֵתָהּ רֵוִץ-נָא לְקִרְאָתָהּ וַאֲמַר-לָהּ הַשָּׁלוֹם לָךְ הַשָּׁלוֹם לְאִישׁךָ הַשָּׁלוֹם לְיֶלֶד וַתֹּאמֶר שָׁלוֹם: (כז) וַתִּבֹּא אֶל-אִישׁ הָאֱלֹהִים אֶל-הָהָר וַתַּחֲזֹק בְּרַגְלָיו וַיִּגָּשׁ גִּיחִזִּי לְהִדְפֹּה וַיֹּאמֶר אִישׁ הָאֱלֹהִים הֲרִפְהִלָּה כִּי-נִפְשָׁה מִרְהִלָּה וַיְהוּה הָעֲלִים מִמֶּנִּי וְלֹא הִגִּיד לִי: (כח) וַתֹּאמֶר הַשְּׂאֵלְתִי בֶּן מֵאֵת אֲדֹנָי הֲלֹא אֶמְרָתִי לֹא תִשָּׁלַח אֹתִי: (כט) וַיֹּאמֶר לְגִיחִזִּי חָגֵר מְתִנִּיחַ וְקַח מִשְׁעֲנָתִי בְיָדְךָ וּלְךָ כִּי-תִמְצָא אִישׁ לֹא תִבְרַכְנוּ וְכִי-יְבָרַכְךָ אִישׁ לֹא תַעֲנֶנּוּ וְשִׁמְתָּ מִשְׁעֲנָתִי עַל-פְּנֵי הַנָּעַר: (ל) וַתֹּאמֶר אִם הַנָּעַר חַי־יְהוּה וְחַי־נִפְשָׁה אִם-אֶעֱזֹבְךָ וַיִּקָּם וַיֵּלֶךְ אַחֲרֶיהָ: (לא) וַגִּיחִזִּי עָבַר לְפָנֶיהֶם וַיִּשָּׂם אֶת-הַמִּשְׁעָנָה עַל-פְּנֵי הַנָּעַר וְאִין קוֹל וְאִין קָשָׁב וַיֵּשֶׁב לְקִרְאָתוֹ וַיִּגְדַּל-לוֹ לֵאמֹר לֹא הִקְיִן הַנָּעַר: (לב) וַיִּבֹּא אֱלִישָׁע הַבֵּיתָה וְהַגָּה הַנָּעַר מֵת מִשְׁכָּב עַל-מִטָּתוֹ: (לג) וַיִּבֹּא וַיִּסְגֹּר הַדֶּלֶת בְּעַד שְׁנֵיהֶם

lives and as you live, I will not leave you!” So he arose and followed her. (31) Gehazi had gone on before them and had placed the staff on the boy’s face; but there was no sound or response. He turned back to meet him and told him, “The boy has not awakened.” (32) Elisha came into the house, and there was the boy, laid out dead on his couch. (33) He went in, shut the door behind the two of them, and prayed to GOD. (34) Then he mounted [the bed] and placed himself over the child. He put his mouth on its mouth, his eyes on its eyes, and his hands on its hands, as he bent over it. And the body of the child became warm. (35) He stepped down, walked once up and down the room, then mounted and bent over him. Thereupon, the boy sneezed seven times, and the boy opened his eyes. (36) [Elisha] called Gehazi and said, “Call the Shunammite,” and he called her. When she came to him, he said, “Pick up your son.” (37) She came and fell at his feet and bowed low to the ground; then she picked up her son and left.

וַיִּתְפַּלֵּל אֶל־יְהוָה: (לד) וַיַּעַל וַיִּשְׁכַּב עַל־הַיֶּלֶד וַיִּשֶׁם פִּי
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בְּשֵׁר הַיֶּלֶד: (לה) וַיָּשָׁב וַיִּלָּךְ בַּבַּיִת אַחַת הַנָּה וְאַחַת
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שְׂאֵי בְנֶךְ: (לז) וַתָּבֵא וַתִּפֹּל עַל־רַגְלָיו וַתִּשְׁתַּחוּ אַרְצָה
וַתִּשָּׂא אֶת־בְּנָהּ וַתִּצָּא: {פ}