

Prophets, Priests, and Kings: "The Restoration of All Things"

2 Kings 6:1–8:6

"Death differs from other losses not only in degree but in kind. With objects, loss implies the possibility of recovery; in theory, at least, nearly every missing possession can be restored to its owner. That's why the defining emotion of losing things isn't frustration or panic or sadness but, paradoxically, hope. With people, by contrast, loss is not a transitional state but a terminal one. Outside of an afterlife, for those who believe in one, it leaves us with nothing to hope for and nothing to do. Death is loss without the possibility of being found." -Kathryn Schulz

Scene 2 – Surprising Grace (2 Kings 6:8-23)

- See a God who befuddles his enemies. (6:8-19)
 - God is all-knowing.

Luke 12:2-3 – [2] *Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. [3] Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops.*

- God is never outnumbered.
- God is never out of resources.
- See a God who can be trusted. (6:16-17)
- See a God who surprises with grace. (6:20-23)

Scene 3 – Famine & Fulfillment (2 King 6:24–7:20)

- See a picture of utter desperation. (6:24-31)
- See a promise of hope. (6:32–7:2)
- See some unlikely messengers. (7:3-15)

- See the precise fulfillment of God's plans. (7:16-20)

Jeremiah 29:11 – [11] *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

Scenes 1 & 4 – The Restoration of All Things (2 Kings 6:1-7; 8:1-6)

- See how God gives attention to little details in the lives of his people. (6:1-7)
- See the coming restoration of all things for those who are in Christ. (8:1-6)

Revelation 21:5 – [5] *And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."*

Joel 2:25 – [25] *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.*

Isaiah 25:6-9 – [6] *On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.*

[7] *And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.*

[8] *He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.*

[9] *It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."*