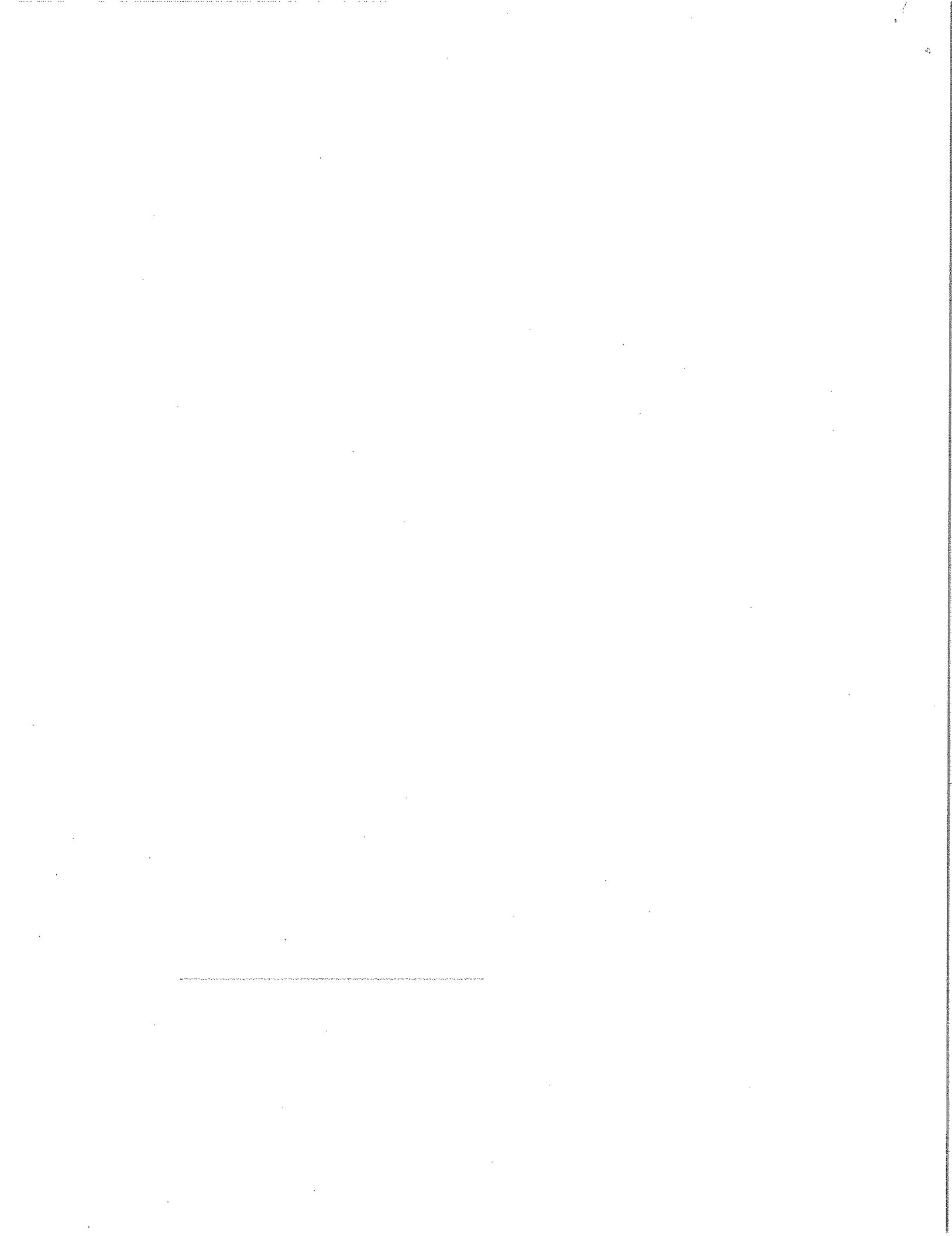


Community Learning

The Great Woman Behind the Man of God: A Fresh Reading of the Story of the Shunamite and Elisha

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1. II Kings 4:1-37
2. Genesis 22:1-7
3. Genesis 18:1-15



22 Next morning, when they rose, the sun was shining over the water, and from the distance the water appeared to the Moabites as red as blood. ²³ "That's blood!" they said. "The kings must have fought among themselves and killed each other. Now to the spoil, Moab!"

²⁴ They entered the Israelite camp, and the Israelites arose and attacked the Moabites, who fled before them. ^d They advanced, constantly attacking ^e the Moabites. ²⁵ And they destroyed the towns. Every man threw a stone into each fertile field, so that it was covered over; and they stopped up every spring and felled every fruit tree. ^e Only the walls of Kir-hareseth were left, and then the slingers surrounded it and attacked it. ²⁶ Seeing that the battle was going against him, the king of Moab led an attempt of seven hundred swordsmen to break a way through to the King of Edom; ^f but they failed. ²⁷ So he took his first-born son, who was to succeed him as king, and offered him up on the wall as a burnt offering. A great wrath came upon Israel, so they withdrew from him and went back to [their own] land.

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