

A Divine Appointment

2 Kings 6:15-17

“And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, “Alas, my master! What shall we do?”

16 And he answered, *Fear not*: for *they that be with us are more than they that be with them*. [Gods Leaders always bind fear and speak faith]

17 And Elisha ["God is salvation"] *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 ["God is salvation"] ” [Gods Leaders always pray with power]

- * The Syrian king, conferring with his officers, planned a series of *secret attacks against Israel* by several groups of his special forces
- * The strategy of attacks by the raiding parties was to take place over an extended period of time

But God miraculously revealed the secret attacks to Elisha

- * *Elisha* then forewarned the king of Israel where the attacks were to take place

Time and again the information proved true, and the army of Israel
[God Prevails] was always prepared

- * It prevented the attacks and utterly frustrated the Syrian raiding parties
- * The king of Syria suspected that one of his officers had become a spy
- * Summoning his officers, the Syrian king demanded that they expose the spy

One officer informed the king that it was not any of them who had betrayed the Syrian king – it was Elisha the prophet was giving the secret information to the king of Israel.

* The prophet not only had supernatural knowledge, but also a knowledge so detailed he knew what the Syrian king spoke in his bedroom.

The Syrian king immediately sent out a unit of spies to find Elisha

* As soon as the reconnaissance report came back that he was in Dothan, the king sent a group of special forces to capture Elisha

* Marching under the cover of darkness, the troops reached and surrounded the city of Dothan.

Arising early the next morning, Elisha's servant saw the Syrian troops

* Stricken with terror, he cried out to *Elisha* ["God is salvation"] in utter dismay: "*Oh my lord, what shall we do?*"

Looking out and seeing the troops himself – Elisha ["God is salvation"] sought to calm and assure his servant

* He declared that God's forces were stronger and more numerous than the enemies' forces

* Then *Elisha* began to **pray** for God to open the eyes of his servant so that he could see how God was protecting them from the Syrian forces. Hearing *Elisha's* prayer, God enabled the servant to see a heavenly, angelic host surrounding and protecting *Elisha*, God's dear servant