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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

A1548 ~ Elisha Captures an Army.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

A missionary lady in New Guinea during World War II lay in her bed one night, listening to strange noises in the house that she was sharing with a co-worker. She believed the noises came from rats. Finally, when a book fell, she could bear it no longer. She arose and went to deal with them. But instead of rats, she discovered a robber was searching the house! He threatened her with a large knife.

On impulse, the missionary rushed at him and chased him out of the house and into some nearby trees. She then saw other robbers fleeing from the house too. She stopped still and whispered, "Lord, what a stupid thing for me to do!" Instantly a verse from Scripture from Psalm 34 flashed into her mind: "The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him and delivers them."

From that night on, the missionary took a heavy lump of wood to bed for protection but she never needed to use it. A few nights later, although the robbers returned, they never entered the house. The lady and her co-worker weren't disturbed again.

The lady suspected the gardener was one of the robbers and after the war was over, she asked if he was. The gardener admitted he was involved. She asked him, "Why didn't you enter the house again?" He was amazed at her question. "Because of those people you had there – those people in white who stood about the house!" The Lord had put the angels around the house so the two missionaries were delivered from all harm.

This story is similar to many others that tell how God has protected His own faithful ones. Yet it isn't the Christians who saw the angels but those trying to do them harm. The wrong doers were afraid of the angels and ran away. In today's Bible Adventure, Elisha's new assistant was dismayed to see the city where they were staying surrounded by Syrian troops. So Elisha prayed to God to let his assistant see God's protecting angels around the city.

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This Bible story comes from II Kings, Chapter 6 and from verse 8 onward. The story tells of northern Israel's history when Ahab's son Jehoram was on the throne. The Syrians were trying to expand their territory by capturing Jehoram and his kingdom.

Elisha, however, warned the king where the Syrians were camping and that the Israelite army needed to avoid that place. Because God revealed to Elisha where the Syrians were, Israel could escape their surprise attacks. Nothing that is ever said, thought or done, by any person, in any place or time, is out of God's knowledge.

This realisation that God knows everything should stop people pretending that they can fool God, for they are really only deceiving themselves.

The King of Syria then tried to capture Elisha, knowing that the prophet was his real enemy. Elisha was staying in the city of Dothan about 7 miles north of Samaria, the capital city of Israel. But Elisha was the one who captured the king's army and he did this by prayer and with kindness.

Elisha prayed that the Syrian army would become blind, and they did! It was quite a long walk for a blind army to take but they were led from Dothan to Samaria. When they were inside Samaria, Elisha prayed again and the eyes of the Syrians were opened. What a surprise they had! They'd suddenly become weak and defenceless. The King of Israel saw this as an opportunity to destroy an enemy army. But Elisha told him not to harm the soldiers but instead, to feed them. In the East, eating together is the same as making a covenant, so those Syrian soldiers were put in a position where they could never attack Israel again. Are there circumstances in your life that seem to set you up for disaster? If you are a child of God, be assured that God delights in taking those things that appear to be our downfall and making them the instruments of our deliverance. If you're not yet a Christian, those things which appear to be destructive to you may be the very things that God has graciously brought into your life to draw you to Himself. God makes us weak and helpless, so that we may have no one else to turn to but Him.

This account of Elisha capturing an army reminds us of the security that we have as believers in Christ, and the peace that should produce in us as we face the trials of life. Along with Elisha's servant, we are granted the privilege of seeing the spiritual forces which God has at His disposal to protect His own. There's never a time when "those who are against us" outnumber "those who are for us." God will never be less powerful than some earthly group. However, God's angelic guardians always do God's will, which may mean that at certain times, we are allowed to suffer.

When the Lord Jesus was being tempted in the wilderness, Satan asked Jesus to throw Himself down from the top of the Temple to prove Jesus was the Son of God. If Jesus had done so, God would have been forced to send angels to catch Him so He wouldn't die before the start of His earthly ministry. Doing such an action was testing God and Jesus refused to do it. However, when it's God's time for us to die, the protecting angels serve as our escort into heaven's gates, just as they did for Elijah and other believers. No one is more secure than the child of God, even when in great physical danger.

It was not the angelic army that brought deliverance to Elisha or to Israel; it was the answered prayer. Elisha prayed, and the eyes of his servant were opened. The servant's fears were relieved. Elisha prayed again, and the eyes of his enemies were closed. It was not angelic intervention, but divine intervention through prayer which brought about the deliverance for Israel. It also stopped the hostilities between Syria and Israel, at least for a time.

The King of Israel took notice of Elisha's warnings regarding the Syrian army but then sadly, he refused to listen to the danger warnings resulting from his own sins.

If you study God's Word, you can know the strategy of Satan and be able to defeat him. Many times we are afraid of the enemy because we walk by sight and not by faith. If God and his hosts of angels are for us, who can be against us? The clearer sight we have of the sovereignty and power of Almighty God in heaven, the less we need to fear the troubles on earth.

Our greatest need in this life is God's forgiveness of our sins. God sent sinless Jesus Christ, His only and most treasured Son, to bear the penalty for our sins and provide us with the righteousness God requires. May God's Holy Spirit open your eyes in faith so you can see your great need of Christ's saving grace! If you have never done so, it is vital that you acknowledge your sin and accept God's provision in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary. If we ask God for this salvation, He will answer our prayers!

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