

I. A Vicious Enemy Made War (8-14)

A. The reality of the war (8) - “Once when the king of Syria was warring against Israel, he took counsel with his servants...” **Aggressive, repetitive, strategized**

B. The resistance to the war (9-10) - “But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, “Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are going down there.” And the king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God told him. Thus he used to warn him, so that he saved himself there more than once or twice.”

C. The redoubling of the war (11-14) - “And the mind of the king of Syria was greatly troubled because of this thing, and he called his servants and said to them, “Will you not show me who of us is for the king of Israel?” 12 And one of his servants said, “None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom.” 13 And he said, “Go and see where he is, that I may send and seize him.” It was told him, “Behold, he is in Dothan.” 14 So he sent there horses and chariots and a great army, and they came by night and surrounded the city.

1. A frustrated enemy (11) - He could not defeat the king or his country
2. A focused enemy (12-13) - He set his sights on Elisha, the servant to the king
3. A furious enemy (14) - He amassed a great force to defeat one man

II. A Visionary Prophet Uncovered Reality (15-16)

A. Elisha was surrounded by the hostile man (15a) - “When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city.”

B. Elisha was the shepherd of the fearful man (15b) - “Alas, my master! What shall we do?”

C. Elisha was seeing through his spirit-man (16)- “Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

III. A Victorious Moment Imparted Supernaturally (17)

A. Elijah prayed for revelation (17a) - “Then Elisha prayed and said, “O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see.”

Ephesians 1:16-17 - “I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.”

B. God released revelation (17b) - “So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man...”

C. The servant received revelation (17c) - “...and he saw and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”