

THE ANGELIC ARMIES OF HEAVEN

2 Kings 2:9-14

9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. **And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.**

10 And he said, **Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.**

11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, **behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.**

12 **And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.** And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

13 He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;
14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.

2 Kings 6:13-23 King of Syria Sends Army Out to Elisha (Elisha Telling King of Israel His Every Move)

13 And he said (king of Syria), Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan.

14 **Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.**

15 **When the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?**

16 **And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.**

17 **And Elisha 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.** (II Kings 2:11-12)

18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

19 **And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria.**

20 **And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.**

21 **And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them?**

22 **And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.**

23 **And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.**

❖ Psalms 68:17

The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them...

SAMARIA IN DEEP FAMINE – DURING REIGN OF KING JEHORAM (AHAB'S SON)

2 Kings 6:32-33

32 Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him; and the king sent a man from before him: but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, **See ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take away mine head? look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door: is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?**

33 **And while he yet talked with them, behold, the messenger came down unto him: and he said, Behold, this evil is of the LORD; what should I wait for the LORD any longer?**

2 Kings 7:1-2

1 **Then Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the LORD; Thus saith the LORD, Tomorrow about this time shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.**

2 **Then a lord on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, if the LORD would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And Elisha said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.**

3 And there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die?

4 If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

5 And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: **and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, there was no man there.**

6 **For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host:** and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.

7 Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life.

2 Kings 7:16-20

16 **And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD.**

17 **And the king appointed the lord on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate: and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spake when the king came down to him.**

19 And that lord answered the man of God, and said, Now, behold, if the LORD should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? **And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.**

20 And so it fell out unto him: **for the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died.**

Matthew 26:53

Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

Psalms 104:4

Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire: