

Hall of Faith: Elisha

2 Kings 6:24-7:2 ❖ Hebrews 11:34b

*“Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key,
That shall unclasp and set me free.”*

(“Open My Eyes, That I May See,” Clara Scott, 1895)

Spiritual Protection

In “Angels: God’s Secret Agents,” Billy Graham tells the story of the couple whose **mission** station in the New Hebrides Islands was surrounded one night by native **warriors**. (p. 15)

To understand what happened “some time later ...” (2 Kings 6:24), we need to know what happened some time **before** ...

“Don’t be **afraid**,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are **more** than those who are with them.” And Elisha prayed, “O Lord, open his eyes so he may **see**.” Then the Lord opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of **fire** all **around** Elisha” (2 Kings 6:16-17).

Elisha tried to teach God’s people spiritual **battles** were always raging and God was always **fighting** for them.

Siege, Famine and Deliverance

Who was at fault when God punished Israel for their idolatry and disobedience - God or the people?

What happened when the King of Syria and his army “laid siege to Samaria,” the capital of Israel?

Though the King of Israel wore sackcloth under his robes, what two false assumptions did he make (2 Kings 6:31, 33)?

When Elisha predicted the siege would end the next day, what grave mistake did his would-be assassin make (2 Kings 7:1-2)?

Which unlikely group of people unexpectedly discovered God’s deliverance and provision (2 Kings 7:3-10)?

What false assumption did the King of Israel make when he heard the news shouted by the gatekeepers (2 Kings 7:12)?

The King of Israel didn’t fulfill his vow to kill Elisha, because **everything** “happened as the man of God had said” (2 Kings 7:18).

Elisha was truly “a prophet, who through **faith**, escaped the edge of the **sword**” (Hebrews 11:33a, 34b).

Has God ever unexpectedly reversed circumstances in your life, in our country?

God’s prophetic word in the **Bible** can still be trusted!

Takeaway

As God’s people today, do we realize spiritual **battles** are always raging and God is always **fighting** for us?!

Is God still in the business of giving second chances to nations and to individuals? Even when it’s our fault?

The Lord said, “When **I** shut up the heavens so that there is no rain or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among My people, **if** My people, who are called by My name, will **humble** themselves and **pray** and **seek** My face and **turn** from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will **forgive** their sin and will **heal** their land” (2 Chronicles 7:13-14).