

In the days of the prophet Elisha, the king of Syria seized upon an opportunity to capture Elisha who was in the city of Dothan. He mobilized a great army with many chariots and horses to surround the city one night. He wasn't prepared to take any risk of the prophet escaping. Early the next morning in Dothan, when Elisha's servant went outside, he saw troops, horses, and chariots everywhere. He and Elisha were completely surrounded by enemy forces intent on killing them. The servant flew into a state of panic and cried out to Elisha: "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" (2 Kings 6:15) Without faltering, Elisha calmly told his servant: "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." (2 Kings 6:16)

Imagine how the servant must have felt. There was absolutely no logic in what Elisha had just said. There were just the two of them against a whole army! Had his master gone mad? Before the servant could work himself into an even greater panic, Elisha prayed a simple prayer: "Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." (2 Kings 6:17) The Lord opened the eyes of the servant, and he saw that the hillside all around them was filled with blindingly magnificent horses and chariots of fire. God's army of angels was flanking them on every side, ablaze with the glory, beauty, and majesty of the Most High God. As the servant marvelled, he realized that the Syrian forces were utterly dwarfed by the angelic army.

Why had the young servant been fearful while Elisha was fearless? The answer is this: They saw different things. The young man saw the great Syrian army, but Elisha saw an even greater angelic army on chariots of fire. Elisha had spiritual insight. So remember that the God of angelic armies is always with you, and no weapon formed against you shall prosper. (Isaiah 54:17)

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