

## **More on Our Side**

2 Kings 6:8-23

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Ben-Hadad king of Aram was at war with Israel. But time and again he was thwarted by Israel's advance knowledge of his military strategies. He summoned his commanders and accused them of treason. One of them said, "My lord the king, we would never betray your plans. It's the prophet Elisha. He seems to know every word that comes out of your mouth."

Ben-Hadad sent a large force deep into Israelite territory to capture Elisha. They arrived at night and surrounded the city. Elisha's servant, Gehazi, got up in the morning and saw the Aramean army. He was terrified. But Elisha said, "Don't be afraid. We have more on our side than they have on theirs." He prayed, "Lord, let my servant see." Instantly the man saw the hillside around them teaming with horses and chariots of fire.

The Aramean army advanced. Elisha prayed, "Lord, let these soldiers be blind." Instantly they were blind. Elisha went out to them and said, "You've come to the wrong city. Follow me. I'll lead you to the man you want." He led them to Samaria, the capital of Israel. Once inside the city Elisha prayed, "Lord, let these soldiers see." Instantly they could see.

Jehoram the king of Israel asked Elisha, "Should I kill them?"

The prophet replied, "Don't kill them. They now see that the power of the Lord is greater than any army they could muster against us. Feed them, and send them home."

Jehoram prepared a great feast for them and sent them back to Aram. And for a while Aramean raiding parties avoided Israel's territory.