



8 Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, "I will set up my camp in such and such a place."  
9 The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: "Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there." 10 So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places.

2.

11 This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?" 12 "None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom."

3.

13 "Go, find out where he is," the king ordered, "so I can send men and capture him." The report came back: "He is in Dothan." 14 Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city.

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15 When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked. 16 "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

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17 And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, Lord, so that 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.

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18 As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, "Strike this army with blindness." So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked. 19 Elisha told them, "This is not the road and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will lead you to the man you are looking for." And he led them to Samaria.

7.

20 After they entered the city, Elisha said, "Lord, open the eyes of these men so they can see." Then the Lord opened their eyes and they looked, and there they were, inside Samaria. 21 When the king of Israel saw them, he asked Elisha, "Shall I kill them, my father? Shall I kill them?"

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22 "Do not kill them," he answered. "Would you kill those you have captured with your own sword or bow? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink and then go back to their master." 23 So he prepared a great feast for them, and after they had finished eating and drinking, he sent them away, and they returned to their master. So the bands from Aram stopped raiding Israel's territory.

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### **This means WAR:**

Fight the good fight of faith. (1 Tim. 6:12)  
Wrestling with the enemy (Eph. 6:12)  
Waging war & fighting with spiritual weapons (2 Cor. 10:3)  
War waged against our souls (1 Peter 2:11)

10.

### **We are at WAR with 3 ENEMIES:**

Satan and his fallen angels (demons)

He is a thief, out to steal, kill & destroy (John 10:10)  
He prowls around like a roaring lion,  
seeking someone to devour (1 Pet 5:8)  
He is the Ruler/Prince of this world (John 14:30)  
He is the god of this age (2 Cor. 4:4)

11.

*Ephesians 6:11-12*

*Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

12.

*He who is IN you is GREATER  
than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4)*

*Submit yourselves to God.  
Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)*

13.

### **We are at WAR with 3 ENEMIES:**

2) The World

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*1 John 2:15-17*

*Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.*

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### **We are at WAR with 3 ENEMIES:**

2) The World

Do NOT Love the World (1 John 2:15-17)  
The Lust of the Flesh  
The Lust of the Eyes  
The Pride of Life  
Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. (Romans 12:2)

16.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

*For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive EVERY THOUGHT to make it obedient to Christ.*

17.

**We are at WAR with 3 ENEMIES:**

3) The Self (Sinful Nature)

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James 1:13-15

*When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.*

19.

1 Peter 2:11

*Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.*

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2 Timothy 2:3-4

*Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer.*

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