

## Lesson IV.

## ELISHA'S HEAVENLY DEFENDERS

October 24, 1915

2 Kings 6 : 8-17. Study 2 Kings 6 : 8-23—Memory Verses, 16, 17.

**Golden Text**—The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.—Psalm 34 : 7.



by night, and compassed the city about.

15 And 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 Eli'sha 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 Eli'sha.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Once upon a time the king of Syria was making war upon the land of Israel, and made his camp in a certain place. But Elisha the prophet knew where the camp was and sent to tell the king of Israel. Then the army of Israel took good care not to go where the Syrians had camped. Again and again the Syrians made their camp in the land of Israel, and each time they did so the news was sent to the king of Israel by the prophet.

Now at first the king of Syria thought that some one of his own officers was carrying news to the king of Israel. But at last he found out that it was Elisha who was doing this. Of course the Syrian king was very angry. He found out that Elisha was staying in the city of Dothan and he made up his mind

8 Then the king of Syr'ia warred against Is'rael, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place *shall be* my camp.

9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Is'rael, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place ; for thither the Syr'ians are come down.

10 And the king of Is'rael sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.

11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syr'ia was sore troubled for this thing ; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Is'rael ?

12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king : but Eli'sha, the prophet that is in Is'rael, telleth the king of Is'rael the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.

13 And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, *he is* in Do'than.

14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host : and they came

to send a great army and take him prisoner.

It was very dark out in the fields. Look at that army marching, marching, through the country at the dead of night.

The king of Syria was sending his soldiers to the little town of Dothan. They were going to take Elisha, God's prophet, prisoner. An army was trying to capture just one man !

On they went in the darkness. By and by they drew near to Dothan. Quietly, oh, so quietly, they pitched the tents and made their camp. They would have to wait till daylight before they could take Elisha.

Elisha's servant woke early the next morning. When he got up he saw the army of soldiers and chariots around the town.

"Alas, my master ! What shall we do ?" he asked.