



# Elisha and the Chariots of Fire

2 Kings 6:8-20

Dr. Sominex was sound asleep with her head on the control panel when Professor von Himmel entered the secret laboratory. "Dr. Sominex?" von Himmel called. There was no response, only snoring. "Dr. Sominex? DR. SOMINEX!!!" the Professor shouted.

"Who? What? Where?" Dr. Sominex said, as she fell to the ground and then, quickly bounced up to her feet.

"It's me. Right here," the professor responded. "I wanted to check on your progress and see how the Time Screen is coming along."

"Oh, the Time Screen!" Dr. Sominex said. "I've been working on it all night and I think it's nearly ready. Stand back! I'll program it for a random year in the past. Let's try ... 1963. I press the keys and ... voila!" The power source buzzed and hummed as a baby shimmered into view on the screen. The baby's hair was sticking up in all sorts of directions, just like Dr. Sominex.

"Oh, good heavens! That is a strange looking baby!" Professor von Himmel said.

"That's me!" shouted Dr. Sominex. "That's me as a baby! It worked! My Time Screen is a success!"

"Dr. Sominex! You are a genius! We can see into the past!"

"Yes, now if only I could figure out the travel part," the doctor thought out loud.

"Maybe what you need is a bigger power source," said von Himmel.

"I've got it!" she shouted, as she pulled out a large lollipop. "This will give me a great, big power boost."

"No! Dr. Sominex, candy doesn't give us real power. It just gives us a little burst of energy, then once it wears off, we just get sleepy. Isn't that right?" But, there was no answer. Once again, all he heard was snoring. "Dr. Sominex? Dr. Sominex!"

Sominex fell to the floor, rolled over, and popped up again. "Who? What? Where?"

"You need a boost of real power," said Professor von Himmel as he walked across the room and picked up the Bible from the Toolbox. He prayed, "Lord, please give me a powerful

story!" He opened the Bible to 2 Kings 6. "Oh, here's another amazing story about the prophet Elisha! Let's see. This takes place after Elisha took Elijah's cloak and continued the ministry he had started.

"You mean Elisha was pointing people to God and showing them His power?" asked Sominex.

"The King of Aram was at war with Israel," von Himmel read on. "The king kept trying to attack the Elisha's king, the king of Israel, but Elisha always warned him so he could avoid the attacks."

"That must have made the king of Aram very angry!" Dr. Sominex responded.

"It did. He sent an army to surround the city where Elisha was so he could capture him!"

"Oh, my Lord!" Dr. Sominex shouted.

"That's just what Elisha's servant said!" Professor von Himmel replied. "When he saw they were surrounded, he said, 'Oh, my lord, what shall we do?' 'Don't be afraid,' the prophet answered. 'Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.'"

Dr. Sominex looked confused, "What did he mean by that? Did Israel's army ride to the rescue?"

"Oh no," said the professor, "Elisha was talking about a different kind of army. Listen to this." He turned back to the Bible and read, "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."

"That's what Elisha meant!" Dr. Sominex exclaimed. "The invisible army of God was all around them!"

"Elisha had the faith to see God's protection was all around them," von Himmel said. "God filled the hills with heaven's horses and surrounded Elisha with chariots of fire! And, it all started with prayer."

"It did?" Sominex asked. "Who prayed?"

"Elisha, the prophet," Professor von Himmel answered. "First, Elisha prayed his servant would see God's protection and God opened his eyes! Then, he prayed God would blind the enemy soldiers.

"God blinded King Aram's army?" asked Dr. Sominex. "Why did He do that?"

"God didn't want them in that city," said von Himmel, "so Elisha led them far away to Samaria."

"Wow, I wish Elisha would pray for me like that," said Dr. Sominex. "I'm afraid I'll never finish this project! I could use some chariots of fire to ..." Her voice trailed off as she fell into a deep sleep and began to snore.

**"Dr. Sominex? Dr. Sominex! DR. SOMINEX!"**

**The doctor nearly leapt out of her skin, "Wah! Who? What? Where?"**

**"You were sleeping again," said the sympathetic professor. "You've really been working hard on this time travel project. Fortunately, God's army is surrounding you."**

**"They are? Where? I don't see anyone around me," said a confused Dr. Sominex.**

**Professor von Himmel touched his friend's shoulder. "Remember, just because you don't see them doesn't mean they aren't here. We can't see when God sends His angels, or His horses, or His chariots of fire to help us, but they are there just the same!"**

**As her eyes searched frantically around the room, Dr. Sominex shouted, "Do you mean that right now, God's invisible horses from heaven and His chariots of fire may be surrounding us?!"**

**"That's right!" said the professor. "God wants us to know we don't have to ever be afraid because He surrounds us with His protection!"**

**Dr. Sominex smiled. "So, God's protection was there all the time! I just needed someone to help me see it." She sat down at her desk and began to review her calculations. "Well, we need to finish this project so we can travel through time and meet more of these exciting prophets. Now, that I know God is with me, anything is possi—" Her eyes closed and Professor von Himmel heard the familiar snores.**

**The professor decided to let his friend get a well deserved nap. He typed some symbols into the database and thought about how wonderful it would be to meet a real live prophet from the Bible.**