

## **No Weapon formed Against You Shall Prosper**

**Isaiah 54:17** - No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

### **2 Kings 6:8-14 (NRSV) The Aramean Attack Is Stopped**

<sup>8</sup> Once when the king of Aram was at war with Israel, he took counsel with his officers. He said, "At such and such a place shall be my camp." <sup>9</sup> But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, "Take care not to pass this place, because the Arameans are going down there." <sup>10</sup> The king of Israel sent word to the place of which the man of God spoke. More than once or twice he warned such a place<sup>Ⓜ</sup> so that it was on the alert. <sup>11</sup> The mind of the king of Aram was greatly perturbed because of this; he called his officers and said to them, "Now tell me who among us sides with the king of Israel?" <sup>12</sup> Then one of his officers said, "No one, my lord king. It is Elisha, the prophet in Israel, who tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedchamber." <sup>13</sup> He said, "Go and find where he is; I will send and seize him." He was told, "He is in Dothan." <sup>14</sup> So he sent horses and chariots there and a great army; they came by night and surrounded the city.

Giving honor to God, Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Giving honor to the men, women, and children of God. Good morning to my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. As we look at today's text; Isaiah 54:17, it's encouraging to know that "No weapon formed against Us Shall Prosper." This is good news, especially if you have experienced a tough day. If you've experienced a tough day, then maybe you've experienced a tough week. If you've experienced a tough week, then maybe you've experienced a tough month. And Yes, if you've experienced a tough month, just maybe... You have experienced a tough year. This morning, the Lord has Blessed Us and reminds us that "No Weapon formed against Us Shall Prosper." As we glance at Elisha and Gehazi in the Second Book of the Kings, our eyes are met with a unique story and unique circumstances.

Big Bethel Nation: this event took place 100 years after King Solomon's death and the division of the Kingdom. It was 80 years before Israel will be defeated by the Assyrians. Elijah has been taken to heaven in a whirlwind and Elisha is now the prophet in Israel. The King of Assyria (some translations say Aram) was at war with Israel and his plans for attack were always interrupted because God told Elisha where the Assyrian King was going to attack. Elisha told the King of Israel, and he repositioned his forces, frustrating the Assyrian King. One of the Assyrian King's servants tells the King that Elisha was responsible for the constant intelligence failures and the King sends the army after Elisha. The Assyrian army catches up with Elisha at a village named Dothan, in Galilee. Here is where we pick up the story.

Gehazi (the "servant of Elisha") wakes up to the sight of a large army with chariots and horses. My friends, Gehazi is terrified!!! (Have you ever been there? A bad doctor's report and unexpected change or circumstance in life???)

Elisha tells Gehazi: Those who are with us are more than those who are with them! (Isn't it encouraging to know that you're not alone and that the Lord is right there with you?)

This story is set in the Old Testament and God opens the eyes of a man named Gehazi. Gehazi was Elisha's servant during the period of the Northern Kingdom, about 840 BC. We have the unique visual of Gehazi and Elisha, who were surrounded by the forces of their enemies. Though they were surrounded by Aramean forces, I want you to know that they were also surrounded by God's angels. Gehazi saw only the enemy, so Elisha prayed that God would open his eyes to see God's power. We pick up the event in 2 Kings 6, verse 15; "When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my Master! What shall we do?" He said, "**Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.**" Then Elisha prayed and said, "**O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see.**" So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. And when the Syrians came down against him, Elisha prayed to the Lord and said, "Please strike this people with blindness." So He struck them with blindness in accordance with the prayer of Elisha. And Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." And he led them to Samaria. As soon as they entered Samaria, Elisha said, "O Lord, open the eyes of these men, that they may see." So the Lord opened their eyes and they saw, and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria. As soon as the king of Israel saw them, he said to Elisha, "My father, shall I strike them down? Shall I strike them down?" He answered, "You shall not strike them down. Would you strike down those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master." So he prepared for them a great feast, and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. **And the Syrians did not come again on raids into the land of Israel.**" (2 Kings 6:15–23, ESV)

### Three Points

1. **Don't be afraid** – 2 Timothy 1:7 teach us "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of **power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**"
2. **Pray that the Lord Open your eyes.** – The Lord is able to open up our physical and spiritual eyes. Oftentimes we need to be reminded that God is right there with us. A revelation from God encourages us go further, achieve higher and to stay on the battlefield. Once Gehazi's eyes were opened, he could see the revelation that God had surrounded the enemy. (**Matt.11:5** – Jesus shares a revelation gift; "The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are

raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.") Good God Almighty!!! That gets me excited just thinking about it.

3. **Prepare for a Celebration.** Don't miss the celebration of the move of God. **In verse 23**, it shares "that a great feast was prepared; afterwards they ate and drank, then he sent them on their way, and they went to their master. And the Arameans no longer came raiding into the land of Israel." The text allows us to understand that the celebration took place and then deliverance took place. This enemy (Arameans) did not bother them anymore.

In closing,

No weapon formed against you shall prosper. The Lord is with you right now. If you're going through a tough season and you need a supernatural change, allow the Lord Jesus to come into your heart today. He will forgive you of your sin. All you need to do is to repent. God will do what He said He will do. He will stand by His Word. He will come through. No Weapon formed against you, shall prosper. Come On in out of the storm. The word of God teaches us in Romans 10:9-11, " That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. <sup>11</sup> For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed."

May the Peace of God, the Love of Christ, the Divinity of the Holy Spirit be with you today, tomorrow, always, and forever. Amen.