Main Thought God revealed Himself to Elisha and the Israelites as the God who sees (8-17), protects (15-17), is merciful (18-23), is stern (24-33), and fulfills promises (7:1-20).

The God Who Sees (8-14).

- King Ben-Hadad II, son of Hazael (1 Kings 19:5) the usurper (he smothered Ben-hadad I), took the old dynastic name for himself as King of the Aramaens.
- These border incursions revealed the weakness of Israel under King Joram (852 BC) as they got as close as 11 miles (Dothan) from Samaria.
- God intervened (Psa. 115:3) with Elisha (the “still, small voice” that followed Elijah “the son of thunder”) who revealed every move of the enemy to King Joram.
- Their idol Rimmon (5:18) could never do this (Psa. 115:4-8), but Israel had a watchman (Psa. 121:4). Elisha’s military intelligence was greater than theirs.
- The Aramaen king suspected a traitor but was informed it was Elisha.
- A strong force was sent to capture Elisha in defenseless Dothan. He was not afraid for his time had not yet come (John 2:4; 7:6, 8, 30; 17:1).

The God Who Protects (15-17).

- A new servant, replacing Gehazi, lacked experience in spiritual warfare.
- Elisha assured his servant of the promises of God (1 John 4:4).
- God had reassured Moses (Deut. 20:3-4), Joshua (Josh. 1:9), and David (Psa. 27:3).
- The servant was living by sight and not by faith (2 Cor. 5:7).
- He needed to keep his eyes on the invisible God (Heb. 11:27) like Peter who walked on water but then doubted (Matt. 14:30-31).

Angels in Our Lives

- Angels came to the aid of Jacob before his potentially dangerous encounter with Esau (Gen. 32:1-2).
- Angels are ministering spirits sent to those who will inherit salvation (Heb. 1:14).
- Angels are guardians of your children for life (their angels – Matt. 18:10).
- Angels are among us (Heb. 13:2).
- Angels could have delivered Jesus (Matt. 26:53).
- Angels encamp around those who fear Him (Psa. 34:7; 125:2).
- Michael the archangel protects Israel (Dan. 10:13, 21; 12:1; Rev. 12:7).