



# *Before the THRONE* *The Devotional*

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2 Kings 2:12

“And Elisha saw it, and he cried, “My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!” 2 Kings 2:12

Armies and navies have always been a measure of the power and wealth of a nation, yet there is a strength unseen by most, a defense that transcends weapons and military or political strategies. “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.” (Proverb 14:34) Righteous living builds a shield that evil cannot penetrate. “By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.” (Proverb 11:11)

Yes, the generals and admirals may be used to protect and defend a people but their real defense comes from the blessing of God upon a righteous people. Furthermore, it is the prophetic intercessors and prayer warriors who provide an impenetrable shield of glory around the righteous nation. “For I, says the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.” (Zechariah 2:5) It is the prayer and the lifestyle of the righteous that is the true “chariot of a nation, and it’s horsemen.”

In these days of great trial and trouble, guard your heart from trusting solely in the military, police or the politician. “Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we will remember the Name of the Lord our God. They are brought down and fallen, but we are risen and stand upright.” (Psalm 20:7-8)