

# "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

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**First Miracle:** Today's chapter opens with the "Sons of the prophets" who lived with Elisha, who trained and served with him, coming to the prophet, and asking for permission to build better quarters for their growing entourage. They asked to go to the Jordan Valley, where there would have been plenty of trees near the river to build new living quarters. They also asked that Elisha accompany them on their journey, to which he consented. No sooner had they began to cut the trees until the head of an axe came loose from the handle and dropped into the muddy waters of the Jordan. The water of the Jordan is muddy, especially as it flows down the Jordan Valley below the Sea of Galilee until it empties into the Dead Sea, near Jericho. Immediately, the young prophet cried out to Elisha that he had lost his cutting edge. The Man of God immediately asked, "Where did it fall?" or where did you lose it? Elisha then cut off a stick and threw it into the water where the man had lost his axe head and then, "he made the iron float."

**Second Miracle:** The verses 8-23 tell of a great miracle concerning the armies of Syria and the Armies of God Himself. The account is of the King of Syria raiding the

northern Kingdom of Israel deep into their territory. The Valley of Dothan is south of the Jezreel Valley and nestled in the Samaritan Mountains. The valley served as one of the "pass throughs" from the Jezreel Valley southward toward the coastal plain, and the ancient "Via Maris," or the "Way of the Sea," which led to Egypt and the continent of Africa. Remember Joseph's journey. Elisha constantly foiled the battle plans of the King of Syria and the Syrian soldiers were sent to bring Elisha to justice. Instead, Elisha asked God to strike the soldiers blind and he led them to the King of Israel to be gracious to the enemy, and then turned the prisoners loose, sent them home and they did not come again during the days of the King of Israel.

### Prayer and Action Steps

*Re-read 6:14-18. Mighty God of heaven and earth, please remind me throughout this day that you have holy angels watching me, protecting me, and caring for me. Help me to live this day aware of your presence in me and your angels around me. Amen*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture \_\_\_\_\_

- Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.
- Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.
- Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

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Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

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Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? \_\_\_\_\_

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Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

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Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

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