

Apples of Gold

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WHO IS ON OUR SIDE?

Our Muslim neighbors are trying to begin a new war. Living in Israel is like living on an active volcano. Our enemies are a mighty majority who refuse to rest until they erase our nation from the map.

My Arab neighbors speak with me often. They boast of their strength and tell me soon Israel will be wiped off the map. Every day they wait for our destruction.

Recently I told several of them, "You spend your lives thinking about how you will destroy us. But read what is written in the Bible." I gave them an Arabic-language Bible so they could read Exodus 15:4 and 19, which says:

Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea; His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea. For the horses of Pharaoh went with his chariots and his horsemen into the sea, and the Lord brought back the waters of the sea upon them. But the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea.

When they read what had happened to Pharaoh and his army during the days of Moses and the Exodus, one man asked, "Who was this One who hurled the chariots into the sea?"

"The Lord God Almighty," I answered. "We are like a poor, little worm. And you are like mighty locusts. Yet we are still here. So who is on our side?"

After thinking awhile, someone replied, “That was a long time ago. These are only stories about Israel’s many victories.”

I told them about the many wars they started against us, determined to destroy us: 1948, 1956, 1967, 1973, and many others. “But we are still here,” I said. “We won all these wars against you.”

“This cannot be!” he said.

So I showed them my certificate of discharge from the Israel Defense Forces. I told them I saw our victories with my own eyes because I fought in all these wars.

They began to ask many questions. “How could you have defeated us in 1948? You were only half-a-million people and had no weapons, and we were a multitude from five Arab countries.”

“I will show you,” I said. I opened the Bible and read Psalm 124:1–8 where it is written, “If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, let Israel now say—‘If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us alive.’ Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.”

“Here we are,” I said. “And you, with your mighty power of 1.5 billion people and 56 Muslim countries, are the ones who are lost. We are only 6 million, but look who is on our side!”

Then I read to them what God has promised His Chosen People in Isaiah 41:8–10:

But you, Israel, are My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen,...You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth,...and said to you, “You are My

servant, I have chosen you and have not cast you away: Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

When I finished reading, they asked where they could buy a Bible. I told them, "Bible shops are on Jaffa Road in the Old City of Jerusalem." One said, "Now we must read so we will know more about the Bible. We also want to buy one for our sheikhs so they will know with whom we are dealing."

We talked for a long time before we got to this point. But, as the Lord says, the servant of the Lord must be patient.