

# WE ARE AN ARMY IN INDIANA

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## DECLARATION NINE: *IN INDIANA, WE EMPLOY DIVINE STRATEGIES*

- 2 Chronicles 20:15 Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: *“Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s ...”*<sup>17</sup> *You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.”*
- 2 Chronicles 20:21 After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men *to sing to the LORD and to praise him* for the splendor of his holiness *as they went out at the head of the army*, saying: “Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever.”
- 1 Kings 20:13 This is what the LORD says: *“Do you see this vast army? I will give it into your hand today, and then you will know that I am the LORD.”*<sup>14</sup> “But who will do this?” asked Ahab. The prophet replied, *“This is what the LORD says: ‘The junior officers under the provincial commanders will do it.’”* “And who will start the battle?” he asked. The prophet answered, *“You will.”*
- Also see the story of Joshua and the walls of Jericho in Joshua 6;  
<sup>5</sup> *When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in.”*

The very pride that caused his fall in the first place might have made him think that Christ’s death would still be the devil’s greatest achievement. I think either his pride fooled him and caused him to underestimate God’s plan or the feasibility or power of Christ’s resurrection. And/or he was so blood-thirsty to murder God’s Son that the chance to do it blinded him to the redemptive consequences that would bring about the salvation of the image-bearers he despises. He just couldn’t pass up the opportunity to do the worst evil, and couldn’t conceive how God could use that evil to accomplish the greatest good.

—Randy Alcorn

The prince of darkness grim    We tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure    For lo! His doom is sure:  
**One little word shall fell him**                    —Martin Luther

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