

## Chapter 5

When Holofernes heard that the Israelites were resisting him he was very angry. He asked Achior, leader of the neighboring Ammonites, for information about the Israelites.

Achior told Holofernes of the Israelites' history: how God had freed them from Egypt, how they had conquered the land of Canaan, and how God protected them.

Holofernes ignored Achior's advice and decided to attack the Israelites.

Dear God, please protect our country from war and strife

## Chapter 6

Holofernes not only ignored Achior's advice, he ridiculed him for suggesting that the Israelites could resist his army. Holofernes then handed Achior over to the Israelites "to suffer the same punishment as they would receive from Holofernes' army."

Dear God, when people ridicule us for speaking the truth, please give us strength and courage

## Chapter 7

Holofernes laid siege against the Israelite mountain town of Bethulia. Holofernes seized control of Bethulia's water supply springs, thinking that thirst would force the Israelites to surrender. For 34 days the siege continued, until the people of Bethulia were weak from thirst. The people of Bethulia prayed hard to God for help. The leaders of Bethulia planned to hold out for 5 more days before surrendering.