

here expresses of Elisha. "What is going to become of our country? The defense of our nation and our welfare is more effective by this man who stands for God than be great amounts of material of war which might be gathered. I think that that is certain in view of the similarity of the truth raised and the fact that this has nothing to do with chariots of fire. That the thing is to bring Elijah to mind. Elijah was indeed the bulwark of Israel who was protecting Israel from the Baal worship which would have destroyed the moral effect fibre of the land and in the end be reduced to slavery. Elisha, thought, was the one man there to see and recognize the importance of Elisha. Here now is the joint work of the two men have been carried through to its completion and Elisha has finished the work that Elijah had done. The king of Israel Joash is ready to make this statement recognizing the importance of Elisha to the nation.

Now this young king of Israel, ~~Joash~~ Joash, who is the grandson of Jehu and consequently must have been much younger than Elisha, the old man who now dieing, the young king made this statement and it is now evident that his great interest is in military fame. The people on the whole have been greatly effected by the work of Elisha and Joash himself has had no interest in the Baal worship whatever. That has been completely rooted out of the nation. The influence of Jezebel and the people she brought in has been utterly destroyed. It has no chance of getting a foothold in the royal palace or among any great men of the people now. But Joash himself would not seem to be really interested in following the Lord. He is interested in being a powerful ruler. He is interested in *end of 84.*

that Joash is flattering the old man by saying something which while it has a large element of truth in it, ~~has~~ in fact has more truth in it than Joash perhaps in himself admits in his own heart that Joash is really interested in using