

verse 20 Elisha dies and is buried. Then it goes on and says that at the coming in of the year the bands of Moabites invaded the land. Now as the Moabites are ~~invading~~ invading the land they were burying a man and they spy a band of men and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha. When the man is let down into the sepulchre of Elisha. And touches the bones of Elisha he revives and stands up on his feet. Now, of course, that is a very, very strange thing to happen--an unusual thing. Let it is a thing that occasionally happens. People are occasionally buried when they think they are dead and they are not. I don't think it is ~~actual~~ actual the case here. This man may have been actually dead. Here is case where a man is put down. In those days when they didn't embalm. He simply is put down there and he jumped up. Now under the circumstances we have no evidence. that a physician examined right before to be sure he was dead. We have no proof of that. We cannot take it as a ~~fact~~ proof of God's raising the dead to life. But you can take it as an inference where God caused a remarkable thing to happen. Whether it was an actual resurrection from the dead. It may be or whether it was a case where a man appeared to be dead but who when his body was cast into the sepulchre he revived. Which of the two it is. The fact is that God caused that it happened right at this place where Elisha was buried. He touches the bones of Elisha and he revived and stands up on his feet and, of course, this doesn't mean ~~that~~ that they went on and brought other people there. Everybody that died they brought them and put them in there to touch Elisha's bones and they lived. It doesn't mean that there is a miraculous virtue in Elisha's bones that would cure a sickness. It means that God caused one very unusual thing to happen. ~~perhaps~~ perhaps a real resurrection from the dead, but at least a thing which caused the people to feel all the more assured of the fact that Elisha was indeed God's