

just giving the message from God. He might have done another wicked act. He had told one white lie. He might now have suppressed the message and said, "What position does this put me in if I say something that contradicts what I said before?" But the old prophet had made a mistake once, but that ~~didn't~~ didn't mean that he shouldn't stand by what the Lord said to him now and stand true to God. How frequently you will find that a person makes a little mistake and he puts himself on record for something. He takes a stand on something and later on abundance evidence is brought to him that he was wrong, but rather than admit he was wrong he will go on and make another wrong thing in order to cover up the ~~first~~ first one and then another a third to cover the second, and he goes on further and further in the wrong direction simply because he started in the wrong direction and doesn't have enough courage to ~~keep~~ see he is in the wrong direction and turn around and back to true loyalty to God and to follow the path of God in admitting that he was sinning or admitting that he was mistaken. Many a man there is who is in a wrong situation simply because he is unwilling to risk losing face by admitting that he was wrong and turning around and coming to ~~that~~ what he should be doing now. That was not true of this old prophet. The old prophet who had told the lie now gives God's message exactly as God gives ~~it~~ this rebuke to the young prophet. Then after they had eaten and finished their time together and the young prophet ~~it~~ said, "It's about time for me to start on my way, if I'm going to get home before dark." He saddled the ass for him and the man started off. When he was gone, the prediction was fulfilled. I like to say prediction instead of prophecy because if a prophet is a man who brings a message from God then a prophecy would be any message that ~~the~~ ^a man ~~from~~ brought from God. This might be ~~something~~ telling something that is going to happen in the future and it might not, so I ~~don't~~ don't like using the word prophecy as meaning prediction of the future. Prediction simply means telling in advance what is going to happen. Prophecy means giving the message God has given to be proclaimed. That message may involve prediction or it may not. So in this case the prediction is fulfilled, and fulfilled in a most remarkable way. A lion killed the man and his body fell