

came to the King of Israel over across the Jordan and he stood before the king of Israel and said, <sup>As</sup> "The Lord God of Israel before whom I stand there shall be not dew nor rain these years, but according to my word." What a foolish thing for a man to say. I'm sure that is what Ahab thought, and I'm sure that is what most of the people in the court thought. They thought that this crazy fellow comes here out of the desert and comes right into the king's court and gets the attention ~~some~~ some way, perhaps because of his unusual dress and because of ~~his~~ his manner, he was able to step right there in ~~at~~ once. He wouldn't be able to do it again. He would be stopped before he got into the hall next time. But on this occasion he walked right in and stood up there before the king and he made this tremendous announcement. "Oh, some crazy prank. We won't hear any more about him if he comes back again tell the guards not to let him in." But the weeks went by and the months went by and no rain came and the drought became severe. Then the people remembered vividly this spectacular incident when this man had come when he said, "It will not rain for years except according to my word." They said, "Where is this fellow who said it would not rain except according to his word? Let's find him. Let's learn about it. Let's see what is wrong." Interest was developed tremendously in this man Elijah. (Question) No, the word there translated "school" simply means "group". It is like a school of fish. They are groups of people; they are groups of prophets, but of course they are similar to schools. They are groups that are together to learn from their leader, but they weren't schools in our modern sense. (Question) The prophet was a man who had direct a message from God. He was not a theological teacher. They did have teachers there but they were different. (Question) They did not have a synagogue as it was later on, but they doubtless had in connection with the temple a man who would expound the word and to instruct the people. Their education varied from ~~the~~ period to period. (Question) ~~Yes, the prophets were men. We~~ are not told in the Scriptures how they were selected; we are simply told God sent a prophet or the man came and said, "The Lord has spoken to me and we