

and the ashes will just pour out. That's not at all impossible. That may naturally happen. There are natural laws of physics that it may happen. We've been using this altar ever since Jeroboam started, for quite awhile, and there are altars in other places that they've been using for 50 years, and that's never happened. It may happen here but what makes you think it will. God so far as we have evidence here did not work a natural miracle in the sense of taking a physical thing and breaking it by superhuman forces. He may have done so, but there is no statement here that He did. But what he did was to give the prophet a supernatural knowledge of that thing that was going to happen. I don't think the prophet had x-ray and other specialities to ~~(make/2) make~~ make a stress and cause that stone to break. God gave the prophet a supernatural knowledge that that thing was going to happen, and that thing happened that very day. It happened. It broke that way, and there were people there who said, oh, that's just natural knowledge. [^]That has happened to other altars. kThat doesn't mean anything to me. But there were others who would say, yes, but this prophet said it, and it happened right ~~we~~ soon after. There's a supernatural knowledge there. God spoke through this prophet, and gave a sign that what He spoke was true, and the other predictions that He made would also come true. kWe'd better leave this altar immediately. So this sign was given for the purpose of authenticating the fact that ~~He~~ he was speaking from God. Verse 3. Now in verse 4, the King Jeroboam heard the thing and he ~~forth~~ put forth his hand ^{from} ~~on~~ the altar and he said Lay hold on him. Now God gave another sign to authenticate the fact that the prophet was a true prophet. He put forth his hand and it was stricken by paralysis and he couldn't pull it in again. His hand was stuck out there and he couldn't draw it in. Many a man has had that experience. ~~it~~ It is not any more common then the stone breaking with the fire, but it is just as common. It does happen. And the king, that happened to his arm, but it happened right at this point, when he was speaking against this prophet and had been ~~giving~~ given these evidences from God already. This happened that he couldn't pull it in, and then they heard an explosion - it is a good thing that the explosion came after and not before, some body would have said the king had been shocked, but it came right afterward and so it didn't confuse them with some shock. But they heard the explosion and the rock ~~it~~ break and the ashes pour out, ~~and the~~ unto the ground, and here they see the king that can't pull in his hand, and they see the ashes pouring out, and