

Elisha was fallen sick of sickness whereof he died, and Joash, the king of Israel came down to him and wept over his face, and said, my father, my father, the chariot of Israel and horsemen thereof. And there ~~was no horseman nor chariot~~ that took Elisha up to heaven, and Joash ~~now~~ had not even been born when they took Elijah up into heaven. And the exactly same phrase used in two different cases, I think that it makes it absolutely clear that it means exactly the same thing that Elisha stands alone and says, 'What is going to happen to our land, we lost our bulwark, we lost our defence, we lost our most important support, the chariot of Israel and horseman thereof is ~~gone~~. But when Elijah ~~was~~ it was not one comparatively unknown individual, but it was the very king of Israel who came to his bedside and spoke these words. And that shows to us the success of the ~~mission~~ mission. When Elisha died, all of Israel knew that the Baal worship has been wiped out of the land completely, and that it was the work of Elijah and Elisha that had accomplished it, and the land had another ~~century~~ century of existence and another century in which the Word of God was proclaimed throughout the land as a result of the efforts of these two men. And so through the accomplishment of these two men was a tremendous accomplishment, and we hear more of the accomplishments of Elijah, because they are so dramatic, complete and they ~~spotted~~ <sup>got</sup> the attention of everybody for a time, but the actual accomplishment requires the effort of the two men to do it. And God worked it in a marvellous way. Elijah was a great battering ~~ram~~ <sup>the</sup> ram. Elijah was the wedge that broke the way through. Elijah was the tremendous fire that destroyed the power of Baal <sup>the worship</sup>. Elijah was the ~~meteor~~ <sup>slashed</sup> meteor that ~~dash~~ dashed across the sky calling everyone's attention to the power and greatness of God. But Elisha, <sup>for</sup> ~~worked~~ many, many years, and he went back and forth through the land, preaching the word, and teaching the people,