

a meteorite that flashes ~~the~~ across the sky and disappears and ~~it~~ is forgotten,
Because Elijah fled, at the threat, at the empty, vain threat of a woman who
could do nothing against him, when ^{at} other times he stood so boldly facing
those who could have ~~done~~ done something against him. ~~When other times~~ Now,
why did Elijah flee this way? It was necessary that God should send an
earthquake and ^a fire and ^a great wind in order to show him His power over nature,
and then it was necessary ^{for him} to assure him that God would ~~change~~ -- ~~change~~
~~God was going to~~ change the king of that great ~~an~~ empire of ~~the world~~, ^{Spain} and ^{that}
God was going to change the dynasty of Israel, and then say, yes, ^{and} I am
going to put somebody else in your place, ^{as a prophet} too. But God had to do all these
things to his prophet to bring him back ^{his faith and} ~~come~~ back to
to his boldness to the point where
he was ready to come back and live in the land of Israel ^{fit} unmolested, and
undisturbed, for we do not know how many ~~years~~ years ~~God~~ before God
took him ~~up~~ up to heaven. Why did he flee at this point? What led
him to make this terrible failure at the very point of his greatest effectiveness?
But I would like to say that the principal reason why Elijah failed here was
^{this} ~~the~~ failure to think things through. Here was ~~a~~ great stand against the
prophets of Baal. How marvellous to have it, but ~~he~~ ^{it} what is he going to
accomplish? Why did he not stop and think it through? Why did he not
realize? It is great to have everybody in the land ~~it~~ must have ~~heard~~ heard
of. ^{what} But good is it if you do not follow it? And he should have thought it
^{it and} through, he said, If God does this wonderful work through me here, the ~~next~~
thing is for me to follow it up with going about through the land and training
others to follow it up. That is the vital thing. And following on that, too,
the thing ~~he~~ he should have considered was, if I am going to follow this up properly,