

ask you for your help and then you can say something that he will listen to. <sup>B</sup> But Elisha said, Don't do this, but they did it. And ~~that~~ they found that it was wrong, but <sup>then</sup> ~~this way~~ they were ready to listen to Elisha. So, now there is a tie up. The sons of the prophets <sup>they</sup> ~~of~~ admired Elijah, but Elijah kept them at distance. They are now ready to follow Elisha, and we find Elisha doing kind deeds with them. We find many refernces to the sons of ~~of~~ the prophets and how <sup>Elisha</sup> ~~Elijah~~ helped them, and doubtless his influence went out through them in a very great way. <sup>It</sup> Now, we come to the end of this chapter and we find ~~at~~ three verses that puzzle ~~many~~ many people. Chapter 2: 23-25. "And ~~that~~ he went up from thence unto Bethel: and as ~~he was going~~ he was going by up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, ~~Go~~ up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head. And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the Lord. And there came forth two she bears out of the woods, and tare forty and two children of them." And he went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence he returned to Samaria." I think that people are bothered by this a lot more than they are by the first chapter of II Kings in which Elijah called down fire from heaven upon fifty soldiers who <sup>had</sup> ~~would~~ be sent to bring him to the king, and did the same on the next fifty, and would have done the same on the next fifty, if the captain had <sup>that</sup> to not begged him to spare ~~that~~ his life and ~~realized~~ that they were only the king's instruments, and to come with them to the king. People are not bothered nearly as much by the spirit of Elijah that destroyed the 450 prophets of Baal, <sup>and that</sup> but called down fire from heaven upon the fifty soldiers there, I think <sup>as</sup> that ~~they~~ <sup>are</sup> are about <sup>thous</sup> forty-two that were torn by bears here in the case of <sup>the</sup> ~~Elijah~~ <sup>of</sup> Elijah.