

going to be protected from the Syrians. This ^{pe} people are ~~going~~ to stand before God and protected. ^{But} Then we read ~~in~~ verse 18, "And he said, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed. And the man of ~~wisdom~~ God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst ~~it~~ consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice." Wasn't that unfair? Why didn't he tell ~~that to~~ Joash? The number of times you smite the ground, that is the victories that number of ~~times you will smite the Syrians~~ you are going to have. ~~Yes~~ He just said, Smite the ground. Joash smote three times, and now he ^{get} got angry, saying, if you had done ^{it} five or six times, you would have ~~smitten~~ ^{and the victory} ~~Smite Syria~~. Wasn't that mean not to give the rules of the game?

Well, ^{as} that ~~is~~ so often, you have to study the Scripture and get a little under it to see what that really means. It does not mean that if ^{he} had smitten ^{he} three times, ~~you~~ would win three times, and that if he had smitten five times, he would win five times. It means that ~~King~~ Joash said, Elisha has 'been a great influence ⁱⁿ to the nation. We have got order, and we have got loyalty. ~~We propose~~ ^{well} .. my dynasty would never have come. My grand father would never have ~~come before~~ become king, if it was not

for his help. I am glad to show honor to ^{the} this old fellow. If he wants me ^{to} were Word of I am glad to do it. But Elisha said, if you ~~are~~ interested in the ~~work to~~ the Lord and God's will so that when God's prophet says, Smite the ground, you would have done it with enthusiasm, and with energy and ~~if~~ you ~~would~~ ^{do} have shown the real attitude of loyalty to God, ^{then} You could count on God ^{to} for protecting your nations and bless you for years ahead, but as it is,