

statement here that prices would drop to such an extent as this that people could just get all they wanted of anything they wanted. That within one day in the city. So the lord on whose ~~king~~ hand the king leaned

(Question—How is it that he shut the door on the king? Was the door shut before the king got there or after?) The door was shut to hold the messenger so that the messenger wouldn't come before him and begin to talk and then the king would come behind him. The whole message would be given at once. The messenger waits until the king and the nobles get there. Of course, the king tells the messenger ~~to go~~ to go and it is an after thought on his part, "Well, I'll just go along with him too." The messenger didn't expect the king probably, and the messenger would have come in and given his message and Elisha would have had to say something and the king would have come later and it would have made the whole thing more spectacular to have the king be the first one to come in. So he had them simply hold ~~it~~ back the messenger for a minute or so. The king was coming right behind him. Let the king come in. That, of course, was a divine knowledge. The king sent a messenger who probably didn't know that he was coming himself, and the Lord revealed to Elisha what was going to happen.

(Question--Mr. Shedd) No, the Syrians were making forays into the land of Israel and the bands of the Syrians were attacking this place and that place and the other place, and then ~~Elisha~~ through the Lord enabled Elisha here to put a stop to this and so these forays of the bands of the Syrians are made no more. However, at a later time. How much later we are not told. It says, "after this". At a later time the king instead of sending bands to try to accomplish things, gathered his whole army and brought up the whole host for a great all-out attack. Very often when you follow the minor attacks of Satan which are attacking this way and that and the other he makes one great all-out attack.

(Question--Mr. Soltan^y—Would you give a little explanation of the background of the sixth ^{about Elisha} chapter?) Suppose we go back to that. I think it is a very good question, but let's go through this particular incident and then please ask me