

these remarkable predictions ~~made~~ of something that is going to happen immediately and we have predictions of something a long distance off. A prediction a long distance off means nothing to the people at the time. They can't ~~xxxx~~ prove that it will come to an end. The immediate prediction means they can't prove at a later time whether it was made or not, but you have their type and thus you have their kind of ~~xxx~~ truth and of the fact that the Lord is indeed speaking. And that the Lord did indeed speak through his prophet giving him knowledge which no human being could possibly have had. So the lord on whose hand the king leaned the man who was perhaps one of the most important leaders turned to Elisha and said, "Why ~~are~~ ^{is} you ~~going to~~ just rain ^{of} food out of heaven? you would hardly enough like that. If food just rained out of heaven, the people would just grab it and eat it and what was left over would probably sell at a pretty good price. You can't imagine even if it rained from heaven that such a possibility ~~as~~ this would occur. "It is utterly fantastic."

And Elisha answered with another prediction, one which is less clear, one which you couldn't tell exactly what it meant until it was fulfilled. When it was fulfilled you could tell if things hadn't come out the way they did, it wouldn't have been. He says, "Thou shalt see it with thine eyes but you won't eat of it." So we have this remarkable prediction that God is going to deliver the land in a way that was absolutely inconceivable and surpass all imaginations and ~~xxx~~ to utter this specific prediction about this man who was so unbelieving, telling him that he would see it and know it was true but he himself would get no benefit out of it. So then we have the beginning of our next section of the incident in verse 3. It is perfectly absurd to have a chapter division anywhere after verse 4 until we get to the end of the next chapter, but if you are going to have such a one, it certainly should be between verses 2 and 3 here, ^{of} position which would be somewhat reasonable for a chapter division. The fact of having the previous two verses and then this third right after it with no chapter division is rather confusing. It is the end of the first part of the story. The prediction