

years in which the control, of the British the political control of the nation within the hands of those who were pushing forward and were under ordinary circumstances it would have continued, the southern kingdom and- as well as the northern kingdom would have fallen-- fallen into this ungodly teaching. It was the work of Elijah and Elisha which rooted/out of the northern kingdom which was essential in preventing it from completely taking it over from the southern kingdom, and made it easy for it to/ completely rooted out also from that kingdom.

Thus the work of Elijah and Elisha has a very vital point in God's economy. In his determined protection of the continuance of the preservation of the testimony and for the preparation of the coming of the Messiah, the work of Elijah and- and Elisha was of such vital significance that at this particular point of history God poured out a great number of miracles. There is a real crisis to account/it.

Ordinarily when a nation begins to go into apostasy and unbelief, God does not interfere in this-supernatural way as in the case of Elijah and Elisha. He may raise up great leaders, but we cannot tell in advance whether these great leaders will succeed in stemming the tide or whether they will only result in the saving of/certain number of individuals. The result depends on ... God permits it to remain-in- remain such that humanly speaking the result depends largely on the amount of , on the completeness of consecration and on the perfection of the matter in which the work is done by the particular leaders. However, God-- at any time/we are completely loyal to the Lord, and we can be sure that He will work/ marvellous, providential ways which are actually just as great a proof of His existence and His power as were the miraculous events which He brought it to pass in connection with Elijah and Elisha.

Thus the study of the work of Elijah and Elisha shows how God intervenes at a particular crisis in order to continue to preserve the little candle and