

He was caught in the throng and killed. Something in a time of tremendous excitement like that happened to a few people. It would be rather unlikely that it would be any one particular one you might pick, and particularly that it would be this great lord and leader in the kingdom. So that is the thing that no human being could possibly have predicted and was given again as an evidence to the people there in this time of crisis that God was speaking through His prophet.

Now I think that we have looked at all that we need to take time for in this particular incident--the time of crisis. I think that there are some who have a question not as relating to the general work of Elisha but as a particular moral problem raised in connection with the previous incident. So we will let Mr. Soltau raise the question.

He said to the king, "Would you smite those whom you are taking captive with your sword and with your bow." Is that a lie? Surely the king hadn't taken them captive.

(Question) The Scripture says--what the book of Revelation says--how he is being to cast into the lake of fire. It names all sorts of people whom everyone would recognize as extremely wicked and then it says, "and all liars". There is pretty clear evidence that lying is not permitted or condoned in the Scripture. I do not believe that we find any ^{warrant} wrong in the Scripture for lying. The trouble is, of course, that we have to define our term. We have to define our term of lying. Now supposing that I were to start out walking in the direction up here in this direction and supposing that you were to think that I were going to Philadelphia on the B. & O. and I was walking in this direction. My walking might deceive you, might it not? You might get a wrong impression of it. Now is it my duty to stop and explain to you that I'm going home to get my umbrella before I go back to the B. & O. train? You see what I mean to say is this: the Scripture teaches clearly that lying is wrong and it is forbidden. For a person to tell a lie and say, "Oh, it is just a white lie so what's the difference," is something