

and as you read it through you might think of Syria as absolutely outside of the pale as far as God ~~xxx~~ is ~~xxxxx~~ concerned. This incident shows here that that is not the true attitude of the book but that God was considered to be the Creator of the universe and the Controller of all the nations, not just the nation of Israel. We have these four different reasons which I think explain why God caused that this should happen and that a record of it should be preserved for us. Now as to the details of it, it ~~xxxx~~ merely tells that Elisha came to Damascus but that was truly no accident in Elisha's coming to Damascus. Even long before this as when Elisha was *end of 18.*

There was the implication there that the prophet of God would come to Damascus. Now the prophet came, not in the person of Elijah but in his successor, Elisha. He came to Damascus and it would seem under the circumstances extremely likely that God has specifically directed Elisha to come to Damascus because he is there at just the right time to carry out the particular thing that God desires. to have done. So he is in Damascus but he doesn't go looking for the king of Syria. God sent the man to him whom it is important that he should know. Ordinarily it is God's will that we should seek out the one whom we are seeking ~~but~~. Ordinarily it is His will that we should labor to accomplish the things that He wants done. But at crucial turning points, at vital places in his ministry where there is something that makes a tremendous difference in the future of His kingdom, we need not be concerned or worried for fear we will find the right person for fear they will be gone when we come or for fear that we will be able to work things out. It is part of God's plan ~~xxx~~ for us to work and think and strive to accomplish for Him, but it also is His definite will that His purposes should be accomplished and we can be sure if we are doing our part the crucial points will work out and that God will work them out and that He will cause that in the midst of our strenuous activity we will not fail to do that which He desires us to do. Elisha came to Damascus but when he got to Damascus God