

my mathematics is at fault, please correct me.

Number 9, the Baal crisis in Judah. So far the Baal crisis has been in Israel. Here is a remarkable thing that takes place. That which destroyed the power of the Baal worship in Israel ~~gives it~~ it such strength in Judah as it never had before. The very action which resulted in putting a complete end to the power of the Baal worship in Israel gave it absolute control in Judah. Of course, in the economy of God Judah was really important than Israel. In the end the kingdom of Israel disappears nearly 150 years before the kingdom of Judah does. In the end it is Jerusalem which is named the great center of God's worship and the place is remembered throughout the Scripture and ~~in~~ Samaria is largely forgotten. *end of 83,*

The ~~Baal crisis in Israel~~ terrible thing about the Baal crisis in Israel is that if the Baal worship had conquered all of Israel humanly speaking it would have conquered all of Judah, too. But now it is rooted out of Israel and the very act of rooting it out ~~produces~~ induces it in Judah. That is one of those strange circumstances which take place all through history and ~~all~~ all through human life. If your life is anything mine, you will be amazed at the times when you will find that things will come out just the opposite ~~that~~ from what you expected. That something that accomplished a great deal in some important way will have as a side effect something which is the exact opposite of that which is intended and perhaps may be even more effective because it more strike a more crucial point. Of course, that is exactly what happened here. But the Baal worship, of course, had to be wiped out of Israel or it would have eventually conquered there. But the wiping out of it there now has given it renewed strength in Judah. It has done that simply ~~through~~ through the fact that ~~with~~ with the death of Ahaziah his mother, Athaliah, was put in a position where she ~~can~~ could seize supreme power and she was a woman like her mother Jezebel, a woman of force and ~~her~~ determination and strength of character who was able to seize an opportunity when she saw it and absolutely ruthless as to the means that she might