

This matter, of course, would have been unnecessary, if Elijah had carried on the work himself. Elisha simply slipped into the place and continued to carry on the work. Now, with a change, ~~and also~~ there must also be a continuity. So, God brings about in the II Kings 1 that Elijah had another great and confirmation with the king, calls down fire from heaven upon ... three times upon ~~two~~ two different groups of soldiers who have come to ... to the king, and declares God's wrath upon king Ahaziah. The word of this, of course, spread throughout the land. This may have been shortly before the event in chapter 2 when the Lord was going to take up Elijah to heaven by a whirlwind, but it would again spread through the land, the great fear of Elijah. Now, it was necessary tie the ~~Elijah~~ Elisha up with this. In the account of Elisha's passage we find a very interesting phrase, Elisha said, my Father, my Father, the chariots and horses, ~~the Israel.~~ the chariot of and the horsemen thereof. ... superficial ... connect this with the previous verse where it says that "And ~~it~~ it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and ~~art-~~ parted them both ~~asunder~~; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven." He thinks that the statement that the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof" is here reference to the way Elijah went up into heaven. However it is nothing of the sort that is proven by the comparison of the passages <sup>with a similar</sup> ~~of the passages~~ 13 e- in the II Kings where Elijah himself died, and the king of Israel said ~~to him~~ of him, my Father, my Father, the chariot of Israel, and the ~~horsemen~~ horsemen thereof. Elisha <sup>more</sup> Elijah here is simply refers to declaring the fact that Elijah worked for the welfare of the land than the great additional army would do. He might have said, in the Modern language, my Father, my Father, the tanks and jet planes of Israel, He was ... the man who was- make it possible that Israel should survive