

longer. For the welfare of the nation, the importance of Elijah for the welfare of the nation was recognized by Elijah, the importance of Elijah for the welfare of the nation was publicly recognized by ~~the~~ the king 45 or more years later, when ^{himself} Elijah/was about to die. Perhaps it ~~is~~ is hard to tell how many ... for certain. Now, Elijah had said to Elisha, when Elisha asked for ... to be his successor, he had said... If you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be ^{so un-} ~~shown~~ to you.

And Elijah went up by a whirl wind into heaven, his mantle ~~fell~~ ^{use to} from him. This mantle God had enabled Elisha to/smite ~~the~~ the waters of Jordan to be divided into ~~two~~ parts so that two of them ~~gt~~ would go across the dry ground. Elisha comes back and he performs the same miracle. God is thus strengthening his faith and showing ~~that~~ him that indeed the power ~~of-the-previous-Elijah~~ ^{which rested upon} ~~rests--now~~ rests ^{is now to} on Elisha. It would seem likely that the ~~sp~~ prophet saw this. We read that they were ^{viewing} ~~dealing~~ in Jericho, and they said that the Spirit of Elijah rested upon Elisha. They came to him and bowed themselves before him. It does not say how they came across the Jordan. But it would ~~rather~~ seem rather probable.

It was necessary that the people of the land as a whole should realize that the power of Elijah rests upon ^{Elisha.} ~~Elijah~~. Therefore ~~we~~ ~~thi~~ have this very unusual event occurring as he was going up the high and long walk up from Jericho ~~13-~~ 1200 feet below sea level, nearly half a mile above the sea/ ^{said} level. As/~~w~~ he was going up, it is ~~certain-that-~~ in the King James Version that little children ^{forth} came/out of the city, little children is hardly a proper translation, ~~it-should-have-been-translated-young~~ men would be much more appropriate. These young men came out of the city and mocked him, Go up thou bald-headed, thou bald headed~~---~~And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the Lord. This is the ~~only~~ case ~~where-~~ that I can recall where We read Elisha cursing anyone in the name of the Lord except for one case where the Divine rebuke against his behavior or. his sin later on. On this/ occasion the general attitude which might have prevailed on the part of the people became clear. Elijah, the one whom they