feared, and the one who has shown the authority of God over the prophets of

Baal, the prophet who was able to call down the fire from the heaven upon

the soldiers who was going to take Jerusalem. Elijah is now gone. Elisha is

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now just no body. He is just a weak successor. He can/possibly enti continue.

and sin.

He can be ... the land into the idolatry/ But God wants the epo people reo-
to realize that Elisha has the same leadership, the same representation of

cursed

God that Elijah had. So, after he had eressed these people, we read that there

young men of them.

came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two ehildren-of-them;

I heard a man once say that the Old Testament show/that-the-Old-Testamentii-altogether-different-from- the God that is altogether different from the God of the New Testament, the God that is his God at all. This is not-.reflects the utter lack of thderstanding of the Old Testament. /Some people think that the New Testament is the book of gentleness, and kindness, but the Old Testament is the book of confusion and of denunciation. This is not the case. This is kindliness and consideration ... of the Old Testament, and and condemnation in the New Testament, And-particularly in the light of Elijah, but there is .rebuke &/eebi-combination/ of particularly some of the words of our Lord Jesus Christ himself. God hates sin. Anyone who tah thinks that they cannot believe in a God which who would think 42 young men were injured by bearsk, knows nothing of the reli- reality of sin. Sin brings death. As its result everyone of us will die, unless the Lord comes first. There are accidents and there is cruelty and there is brutality/ from West where in the world. We live a listle distance away/from here/ The gospel has had a-wide quite an effect in the past, and still we are enjoying much of its fruit. But even here/many ef- sections of our large cities it is utterly unsafe to go about at night. Some sections are dangerous even in day time. Death, brutality and suffering, and all miseries in the world are all results of sin. God hates sin. We cannot realize the terrible, abouted a bominable wickedness of sin...sometimes works and-God-is-worse-;;.-- God is-;; this way ... in order that the people will hear what will happen to those who will not listen to Elisha. Elishef shall receive something of veneration, something of the fear that had formerly gone to Elijah.