

Again he gives helpful activities. There is, of course, a parallel passage in I Kings 17 where Elijah caused that ... tells a woman that her food will last ... and where he enables her son to come back to life. Both of these events are duplicated in this case. In our case, however, Elisha's ^{own} preservation was assured to him through what God gave him through this woman, while in this case, it is ~~surpurely~~ ... on the part of Elijah toward the ... the son of the prophet. Chapter 4 continues and shows that Elijah had already begun an itinerant ministry. We read in verse 9 that this woman... "And she said unto her husband, Behold, now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God, which passeth by us continually." ~~Elij-~~ Elisha was not sitting around waiting for some brilliant ... he was going to and from among the people attending to the Word of God. Here we read how this woman gave him, set aside a little room in her house as the prophet's chamber so that it has a good place to stop when he passes through. And here we have the first introduction to his ~~sermend~~ servant, Gehazi. He asked Gehazi to call her and asked her what she ~~soue-~~ would like. Would like to be spoken toward the king? or the ~~captain~~ ^{how} of the host? Thus we see ~~now-that-Elijah-~~ Elisha has now a certain establishing factor in the land. The king of the land and the captain of the host, even if they did not follow his message, would be interested in doing a favor for him. And the woman answers and ~~says-~~ expresses her desire for a son, and that the Lord will give her one. And then later ~~one~~ the son ~~was-~~ ~~who-~~ died and Elisha was instrumental to bringing the child back to life again. Again we find him with the sons of the prophets in verse 38:... the sons of the prophets were sitting before him:... never sons of the prophets sitting before Elijah. They were afraid to come near him. ~~Elijah~~ ^{sha} helped them, Elisha ^{teaches} taught them, and ~~tries~~ tried to enable them to grow in their understanding and here as the prophets are eating. They find something poisonous in their food, and Elisha cures the food, so that none of them are poisoned. Again we find them in the chapter where the food is ~~in shortage~~. Elisha becomes God's instrument in increasing the amount thereof. Another of many differences instances... simply Elisha is God's instrument in helping people. The only thing that is unique of course about these instances