

the fact that we have done something good for them is going to make them necessarily well-disposed toward us. People are always looking for an alibi, always looking for an excuse. And when Samaria was in a terrible situation, ^{en} closed ~~by~~ in by the besiege of the ~~kk~~ king of ~~Assyria~~, the king of Israel blamed Elisha, He said, if Elisha had not kept me~~l~~ from killing these men, we would not be in this situation. ^{claim} Of course, the ~~blame~~ was utterly false. Those few men that had come to take Elisha would not have made great difference here. Maybe Elisha had delivered Israel from time to time before. Instead of showing gratitude toward him, the king of Israel was incensed that he has not delivered them now. When he hears these ^{and sees} coming and talking, /the terrible situation of the country, we read in verse 31, "Then he said, God do so and more also to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day." This is a very clear chapter division we have here. Certainly it would seem that a new chapter should have ~~been~~ begun with verse 6:24. There is a sharp break between what precedes and what follows. It is very foolish to have chapter 6 and stand as a unit as it does and more foolish is yet to have the ~~divs~~ division where chapter 7 begins. A man comes, and the king sends a man to Elisha, and Elisha declares that he is on the way. And then Elisha gives God's wonderful promise after he gets there, and then right in the middle of the paragraph a new chapter ~~divs~~ division should be made there. Surely Archbishop, of course, must ~~have~~ stopped upon this occasion. Chapter 7 shows how precise and literal the prediction that Elisha made was fulfilled/. This is another instance of God's supernatural act in this great crisis situation where ^{and} Elijah / Elisha was ~~e~~ called upon to do their work. We cannot expect such supernatural act on God's part ~~en~~ in our own day; yet, we can expect marvellous providential acts on the part of the Lord, ~~since~~- which would have exactly the same affect on ^{And} certain occasions. /Yet, on other occasions, as in connection with the beginning ^{this} of ~~the~~-scene. You will find things happening in different ~~wasy~~- ways than we ^{faith} might have expected. We must learn to have/in the Lord and trust upon the Lord, no matter what comes. Now we come to a most interesting situation in chapter 8 and 9. The prophet Elisha mixes in politics. Some people say that religion and