

his interference is far less/nature than that in chapter 9/ where he interferes with the politics of Israel. Here Elisha is carrying out the command that God gave to Elijah back there where Elijah was down at Horem. In chapter .... when God wished to show ~~to~~-Elijah that it was ~~stly~~ silly for him to run in fear before Jezebel. God is far greater than Jezebel. God is powerful over nature and over history. There he shows this to his prophet by making three predictions about the future. First, He predicted that Hazael will is to be a king over Syria. He says, Return by the way of wilderness of Damascus, when thou comest to anoint Hazel to be king over Syria. Elijah never did this. We do not know how many <sup>had</sup> times-- years <sup>had been</sup> have-passed by before Elisha <sup>this</sup> went to do/ Elisha there carried out the command which ~~was~~-given to Elijah. And then he continues, " Jehu, the son of Nimshi, shalt thou <sup>appointed to be</sup> be/king over ~~Jes-~~ Israel. " This also was not done by Elijah <sup>But</sup> nor directly by Elisha. /Elisha simply sent ~~a-prophet-~~ one of the sons of the prophets to carry it/ out.

d9 There is great difference between the situation ~~of~~ that was faced by these men and the situation today. The king of Syria at that time was anxious to extend his domain and in ~~addition~~ he was fearful of the advance of Assyria, and felt the need of getting stronger in the hope/<sup>s</sup>of holding back ~~Syria-~~ the Assyrian power. Consequently the king of Syria was attacking Israel, and trying to get control there. It was the reason why it ~~was~~ necessary that Israel be preserved, because Israel was God's chosen instrument to preserve His Word, and prepare the way for the coming of ~~the-~~ His Son, and it was not God's desire that Israel fall into the foreign captivity until He <sup>chose to</sup> Himself/give Israel over into the exile on account of Israel's sin. Therefore, God interfered, intervened to protect Israel. Today we face a very different situation. /W/ Today we face an ideology established by Karl Marx, an ideology which denies God, an ideology which denies the principles of God's Word.