

that as people watched, they wondered, and little children would say, Mother, what is that ~~man~~ doing? Oh, that's a prophet of the Lord. Well, what's he doing? Well, he is lying there. Well, why is he lying there? What is that in front of him? Why, that looks like Jerusalem. And as they looked he began to explain things, they began to get an idea of what it was representing. Then God said to Ezekiel, now give them the message. God is going to besiege Jerusalem, just as you are besieging around this little model here, God is going to punish people for their sin. God uses ways for getting the truth into people's minds. And He wants us to find ways of reaching people with His truth, to find unusual ways perhaps, to find ways that will capture their attention, and get the truth to them.

But now we find here that this message which the prophets gave was given here in this way, that the prophet disguises himself, has the blood on his face, his eyes were covered ~~so~~ the king would not recognize him, but he was in such a situation that the king felt that it was of interest to know what had happened, and this might be of importance and then, when the king found out, the man explained that he had been ~~given~~ a man to keep, and told, your life for his life, and he said, and as thy servant was busy here and ~~there~~, he was gone. And those are the words to which I address your attention, <sup>particularly</sup> at this time. As thy servant was busy here and there he was gone.

God had given Ahab the opportunity to capture Ben-hadad here. God ~~knew~~ the future, He knew what Syria~~s~~ would do toward Israel in the days to come, He knew all the (4 1/2) *developments* that were coming, and God gave Ahab the opportunity to put an end to this menace right there. But Ahab did not consult the Lord. Ahab did not investigate what was God's will in the situation, he used his own intelligence, working out his own scheme, of trying to make friends with Ben-hadad, so that they could co-exist together very nicely in the days to come. He gave him streets in Jerusalem, Ben-hadad said he would give him streets in Samaria, I don't know whether he did or not.

I remember when Eisenhower permitted Khrushchev to travel all through our