

be able to present them. There is much in the OT that does not fall under any of these categories. There is that great story of Elijah and Elisha - that story that begins in 1 Kings 17 and goes on and tells us how those great men of God were used. The tremendous way in which God used Elijah to break up that movement of Balaam that threatened to destroy the religion of God, and then used Elisha to go about and reach the people and conserve what Elijah had done and to establish the knowledge of God in the hearts of so many. It is a tremendous story beginning in 1 Kings.17 and running on.

But as you look at this story, you start at 1 Kings 17 and you read about Elijah - 17,18,19 - tremendous story. Then you have more about Elijah in ch. 21. But between ch. 19 and 21 you have this 20th chapter we have been looking at in which Elijah is not mentioned at all, and in which there is much about the wars of Syria and of Israel. What does this have meaning for us? Why should such chapters as this be in the OT? I think it is important for us to realize that God has a place for the Christian in all His purposes. God wants us to have some idea of events as they are occurring and to see how His hand is in them, and to understand that He is interested in all that happens.

In the passage I read to you, you remember there is a great victory over the Syrians in the hills. And then the Syrians said, Their God is a god of the hills; let's keep them in the plains. There is a direct challenge to God's power. God wants us to realize that He is the God of all the universe. That He can defeat the enemy in the plains just as well as in the hills. He is the God of every aspect of life, every area of human

He is supreme in it all & He wants us to see His hand in it all. He wants us to see that the blasphemy of men like this can be defeated and will be defeated if we look to Him for the answer. It is said that during the French Revolution in the days when in the French Chamber of Deputies they were turning their backs on everything that was old, and trying to make a new world purely by human ideas, and human hopes and thoughts as if that