

quite the character of Ahab that we learn from the preceding and following chapters. God sent prophets to him, and God worked in a marvellous way to work out His purposes. God knew what the Syrians were planning against Israel. He knew the terrible misery that would come to Israel/<sup>shortly</sup> in the time to come. He knew how Benhadad was a continuing terrible menace to Israel, and he gave Ahab an opportunity to put an end to this menace. But Ahab, when God gave him the victory, when God gave him the opportunity, chose to use it as an opportunity to exalt himself to a level with Benhadad the king of a greater kingdom, and not to make full use of the opportunity. So God sent a rebuke to Ahab.

From vs. 31 on we read about the way in which God sent that rebuke. A prophet could not simply come up to Ahab and give him a message ordinarily. When Ahab was in a crisis, yes, he was very glad then to hear of what the prophet would say, but now Ahab had the victory. Ahab was not so interested now in bothering with the prophets.

When England was in a terrible situation. When the Germans had succeeded in putting an end to the French army and in conquering all of France, and the great British army was there facing the sea, surrounded by the Germans, and the ~~German~~ Germans were announcing jubilantly/<sup>that</sup> within a week they would have these have these thousands of British soldiers all of them behind barbed wire, in England the people flocked into the churches and they prayed hour after hour that God would deliver them from the certain destruction that seemed just ahead. At that time according to what they relate of what happened, a situation occurred that has rarely happened. That great terrible Channel that is so disagreeable to ride over between England and France, the Channel where I was more seasick than I have ever been in my life, and hope never to be again, that Channel for three days was quite calm. But during that same time during those three days, it was all ~~v~~ overcast with clouds, and they did not yet have radar then. Planes could not possibly see what was happening