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1 this as an illustration of the fact that Saul's
 2 kingdom would be torn away from him and given
 3 "to a neighbour of thine, that is better than
 4 thou" (I Sam 15:27-28). After Elisha, on his
 5 deathbed, had made Joash shoot "the arrow of
 6 the Lord's deliverance, and the arrow of deliv-
 7 erance from Syria," he ordered the king to smite
 8 the ground with some arrows. When the king
 9 lackadaisically hit the ground three times,
 10 Elisha pointed out that the failure of Joash to
 11 be more enthusiastic in carrying out God's com-
 12 mand would result in his victory over Syria
 13 being only partial (II Kings 13:15-19).

14 When Jeremiah and Ezekiel were required to
 15 deliver a message that would be very unpalatable
 16 to their listeners, they made frequent use of
 17 symbolic acts in order to arouse the people's
 18 curiosity and induce them to listen when other-
 19 wise they might have refused to give heed. Thus
 20 Jeremiah was directed by the Lord to buy a linen
 21 girdle and wear it for a time, without putting
 22 it in water. Then he was told to "go to Euphra-
 23 tes, and hide it there in a hole of the rock."
 24 After many days he was again instructed to go to
 25 Euphrates and dig up the girdle. The deteriora-

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