

than a fourth of a of dog's dung costs today. Such a complete change which is absolutely inconceivable. It simply was utterly impossible that such things absolutely couldn't happen as that which Elisha here predicted. There wouldn't be once in five thousand years, certainly not once in one thousand ~~years~~ years that anywhere in the world that we would find such a complete and tremendous change in so brief a period as this which is described. It might have occurred in a year. But for it to occur in one day, such an overwhelming change as this. Naturally if a person didn't have absolutely certainty that Elisha was God's prophet and that God spoke through Elisha and absolute confidence that God could do anything He wanted to, he couldn't believe such an absurd statement as this. It reminds you of how Isaac Newton, that great scientist, one of the greatest scientists that any part of the world has ever produced--some think that he is perhaps the greatest scientist of the world, even though ~~But~~ Einstein has made changes in our understanding of our understanding of gravitation today. Nevertheless the original discovery of the law of gravitation by Newton is certainly one of the greatest scientific events the world ever made and Newton made many another advancement, but Newton also wrote a book on prophecy. After studying the Bible, Newton came to the conclusion that someday people would travel at terrific rates on this earth and Newton wrote this in a book, and Voltaire, the French sceptic said, "Doesn't it show the terrible influence of religion that even a man with a such a great mind as Sir Isaac Newton could be misled to write such absurd statements in his book?" Newton, the man in science who was as great as anyone else who had lived up to the time, yet when he got into the field of religion would make such an absurd statement that he believed that on the basis of the Bible that someday people would travel as fast as sixty miles an hour across the surface of the earth." So Voltaire pointed out that crazy, idiotic statement of Newton as proof of the fact that the Bible leads you often into all sorts of wild hallucinations. Now, of course, today sixty miles an hour sounds slow. But that, of course, again is something which is not quite as astounding even as this