

and sheltered, and fed, and defended, who shook the kingdom of Ahab from center to circumference, and smote the prophets of Baal until there was none left, will certainly receive some fitting testimonial of his fidelity to God. Here it is: "Elisha died, and they buried him." It would be difficult to frame a shorter obituary than this. God wastes no time nor words in complimenting His servants. The monarch minstrel of Israel shares the same fate of Abraham, of Moses, of Joshua, of Elisha, and many others. "David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David."

And what seems stranger still, God does not even mention the death of some of his most distinguished servants. Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel, and Daniel and many others of less note, mysteriously disappear from our view, and we are left without any reliable information concerning their departure.

This is God's uniform method of disposing of his servants. He raises them up for a specific work, and when this is accomplished he retires them "without note or comment." He buries the workman, but the work goes on without interruption. To us it seems that their continuance is indispensable to the successful prosecution of the work. If there ever was a time in the history of Israel when Moses was needed, to all human appearance, it was at the very time of his removal. They were upon the threshold of the promised land, and were now ready to cross over the border and take possession. A decisive battle was to be fought, and it seemed like an inappropriate time to exchange or trade leaders. To Moses had been committed the work of disciplining and training the Hebrew race for