

mention it because it was not known to the people at large--only to Ahaz and a few of his nobles. But Ahaz in the meantime is definitely trying to protect the land until the king of Assyria comes and delivers him. So Ahaz is trying to increase the moral of the people and he wants the people to fight vigorously and to prepare the defences in a strong way to resist Israel and Syria ~~and~~ until which ^{the deliverance} he is ~~xxxxxx~~ constantly looking forward comes.

Now Isaiah very evidently does not have access to Ahaz at this time. In the reign of the good king Hezekiah, the next reign, Isaiah could go right into the palace and talk to him when he chose. In the reign of Ahaz Isaiah does not have entrance into the palace. How is Isaiah going to get his message to Ahaz? The Lord gives ~~xxxx~~ him the word in verse 3. "Then said the Lord unto Isaiah, go forth now ~~xxxx~~ to meet Ahaz. Thou and ~~xxx~~ Shurjoshab, thy son." Where are they to meet Ahaz? At the end of the conduit at the upper pool and in the ~~high~~ highway of the fuller's field. Now this very place--the end of the conduit at the

upper pool ~~and~~ in the highway of the fuller's field--is one which you have already come to in your assignment for last week. In Isaiah 36 and 37 you read how that in the reign of the next king after this, Hezekiah, the Assyrian king has everything around in his hand and Jerusalem is threatened ~~and~~ and he sends his ~~xxx~~ ambassadors to demand that Jerusalem surrender and they meet the representatives of Hezekiah at the end of the conduit at the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field. So here we are ~~xxxx~~ explicitly told where it happened so that we may understand that at the very place where Isaiah now gives his warning is the very place where the representatives of the king of Assyria meets Hezekiah's representatives and demands their surrender in the next reign. This is the place where Ahaz is now thinking how clever he is to get Assyria's help. With Assyria's

help he will be all right. Later it proves that Assyria's help is something they really would have been better if they had tried to get along without it.

So the Lord sends him to this place. Now the place isn't mentioned thus for two