

understand that they are going to win the ~~gx~~ victory and have a little confidence ~~and~~ but not an overconfidence. That may help the point. Perhaps it would not be bad for their moral provided he won't talk too long. "Thus saith the Lord, it shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass. The head of Syria is Damascus and the head of Damascus is Rezin and within 65 years will Ephraim be broken that it be not a people. *end of 94.*

established. Now that is a rather ~~ixing~~ strange ~~ix~~ thing to say. God says it will not stand neither will it come to pass. But he says if you won't believe, you'll not be established. In order to understand this phrase you must surely take it as fitting in with the attitude of Ahaz. Ahaz showing a rather contemptuous attitude--well, these words of religion are good. It helps the general moral of the people but don't get overconfident now. You said your say. Let's go on with the defense inspection. Maybe he didn't say that ~~in~~so many words but it seemed to be on his face. If you do not believe surely you will not established. Maybe the rather contemptuous look that Ahaz perhaps had on his face at this point was based partly on the statement in verse 8. Why are you so worried about Damascus and about Ephraim? The Lord says it won't stand. Neither will it come to pass. God says that within 65 years Ephraim will be broken so that it won't be a people. Within 65 years. Supposing that when the German ~~army~~ army was plundering its way into France and the French were all excited and the prime ministers were rushing about trying to get out of the country, somebody said, what is the hurry? Why are you so excited? Why are you so afraid? Why within 65 years the German government will disappear and Germany will no longer be a strong nation. You can imagine what they would say. Well, what difference does it make to us 65 years from now? We are interested in what happens next month and next year. So within 65 years Ephraim will be broken sounded like a rather uninteresting