

interpretation in full of the Messianic prediction there and the complete problem of the relation of the Messianic prediction in verse 14 through the statement about the immediate situation in verses 15 and 16 is something which may ~~not~~ occupy us for an hour or two next year in the Prophets Course. We won't want to go into that particular question at this time. This is the Old Testament History, the relation of it to the background and the situation in Old Testament History. Many people simply take verse 14 out of its context and pick out the wonderful verse there about the coming of Christ with no knowledge of the background and have no understanding of anything in the chapter. Everything else just becomes vague and uncertain. With the understanding of the historic background practically everything else is clear, but the relation of the two is a thing that requires further comparison with other predictions, and into that, of course, we could not go in this course. Now if you have a question about the history, I would like to know what it is.

(Question) of David is the descendant of David. That was not clear to the people. David in one sense might be the household that David ruled over. To that extent it would include the whole land, but as a rule you think of the house meaning his dependents. Here he is thinking of Ahaz as hardly worth speaking to in himself. He is the head of the house of David, representative of David, the descendant of David, but it is the whole house of David that is being rebuked for having descended to such a low level as to be represented by a king of the type of Ahaz, and assured that this condition will not continue forever, God himself will provide a leader for the house of David of quite different type from Ahaz, one who will be actually be God with us, the Hebrew word which is pronounced Immanuel. Any other question on the history?

(Question--Mr. Jester) There is absolutely no evidence. It is just a matter of what we are told about Jotham is mostly of the building there. There is no