

of the great portion of chapter 7. There is only verse in chapter 7 which is Messianic. The greater part of the chapter is dealing with the present and immediate situation and saying that the people need not fear. God is not going to let Israel and Syria conquer Judah and saying that the clever scheme of Ahaz which has not been publically announced ~~xx~~ until ~~xxx~~ he only refers to ~~it~~ incidentally like to a razor ~~xxx~~ that is higher, namely the king of Assyria. And the people would wonder what that man Ahaz would know clearly enough and wonder how Isaiah had gotten that information, who had stolen the secret documents out of the state department and given out information to Isaiah. And the greater part, though, through all the last part of the chapter deals with the fact that the land is going to come into dire straits through the activities, through the result of Ahaz's agreement with Tiglath Pileser. But then in succeeding chapters of Isaiah after chapter 7 and more particularly in the chapters after chapter 28 the Lord causes the prophet to look forward to the days of the Assyrian attack and to give the assurance that though Jerusalem is going to come into a terrific situation as a result of the Assyrians being brought right in touch with it through Ahaz's clever, wicked scheme that God is going to protect Jerusalem and Assyria is not during these next few years going to conquer Jerusalem. We find this in Isaiah 29 and you find in the beginning of 29 he describes the coming destruction of Jerusalem, the result of the clever scheme of Ahaz which came in the next reign. "Woe to Ariel, the city where David dwelt. ~~Thou~~ Thou shalt be brought low and shall speak out of the ground. thy speak shall be low as the dust," But in verse 5, "the multitude of thy strangers ~~shall be like small dust~~, the attackers, shall be like small dust, the multitude of the terrible ones shall become like chaff that passes away at an instant, suddenly." ~~The~~ Verse 7, "the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against her and distress her, shall be like a dream of the night vision, shall be like when a hungry man dreams and behold he eats."