That is Sennacharib ready to conquer Jerusalem. "Or when a thirsty dreams

and behold he drinks and he awakes and behold he ~~awakes and~~ _is_ faint and

his sould has apetiite." A very vivid p̶i̶x̶n̶i̶x̶n̶x̶i̶x̶ picture to me. I remember

one time when I hadn't had any water for about two days x̶x̶d̶ in a hot, thirsty

land, and I dreamed of a beautiful stream flowing over my head and I just opened

my mouth to let the cold water come in and nothing came and I woke up and

found I was still in the desert with no water for another day or two. So it is

a vivid picture which is given here in verse 8 of King Sennacharib just about ready

to take Jerusalem and he wakes up and he faints;; he can't do it because God in

the night destroyed his army. So this prediction is given in the time of

Ahaz of what is going to happen in the reign of his son. Ahaz is bringing

Zion into terrific danger but God is going to protect it from that danger.

In chapters 30 and 31 this is clearly stressed. In chapter 31 we find the pre-

diction in verse 5, "as birds flying will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem."

That d̶x̶x̶x̶ doesn't mean that the Lord is going to cause that a force of bombers

is going to c me and fly over Jerusalem and destroy Sennacharib's force. It is

as b̶i̶x̶x̶i̶x̶ birds hovering, llike the birds g̶i̶x̶ flying through the air_{that} the men of

those days couldn't possibly reach b̶o̶ the Lord of hosts is going to be over

Jerusalem like a bird hovering over its nest with His strength and His protection

and Senacharib is going i̶x̶x̶ bo be driven away.

   (Question) We'll go a little more into detail about this next year in the

Prophets Course. But what I'm mainly interested in now is the background of the

picture.

   So we have these ~~two~~ predictions given of how though Isaiah brings the

terrific Assyrian danger it is not now the time when God is going to allow the

nation to be conquered. God is going to deliver it. We found out earliier, too,

in Isaiah 10, "Therefore it shall come to pass," verse 12 tells us that "When

the Lord has performed his whole work on Mount Zion and Jerusalem, I will punish _the fruit of_