

Assyria will not stop with a conquest but that it will bring an immediate and tremendous danger to Judah also. He will pass through Judah and will overflow and he will reach even to the neck and the stretching of his wings will fill the ~~xxxxxx~~ breadth of ~~the valley~~ thy land, Oh Immanuel. This land which properly belongs to Immanuel is in the hands of an unworthy one, not Immanuel but Ahaz. And it is going to be in the hands of an unworthy one, not Immanuel but Ahaz. It is going to be overrun by the forces of the king of Assyria. Yet he goes on to assure us that God is going to deliver it from these forces. They will not now make a complete end to Jerusalem. Well, so much for the reign of Ahaz then.

Number 3 is the reign of Hezekiah and next Tuesday we will discuss the material that you prepared for this Tuesday, the reign of Hezekiah.

We had just finished our discussion about the reign of Ahaz and we went on to the reign of Hezekiah., a reign which is perhaps as good a reign of that of any king in the history of Israel. It is questionable whether you could find a king who you could prove to be a better man or a better king than Hezekiah in all the history of Israel and Judah. Now, of course, if somebody wants to start an argument, who was the best king, King Asa, King Jehoshaphat, King Hezekiah, or King Josiah? Which of these four is the best? We would have to recognize the fact that that question could not possibly be answered. It is one of those questions which cannot be answered because there is insufficient data for the purpose. It is true that we have a few things recorded about everyone of these kings that is not good. ~~Now~~ No man is perfect before God and no one of these kings is perfect any more than David their father was perfect. The Scripture ~~does not~~ was not written for the purpose of enabling us to cast a judgment as to whether this king was ten per cent better than that one or that one ten per cent better than this one. Therefore one cannot expect to find an answer to this ~~prax~~ question. To my mind it is one of the most important principles in approach to the Scripture,