

given here either of ~~commendation~~ commendation or of condemnation touching Basha in this connection and we are not going to give Basha in any sense divine commendation for what he has done. So after that Basha reigned twenty-four years. You notice Basha began to reign in the third year of Asa and that he ~~reigned~~ reigned to the twenty-seventh year of Asa and we read in Chronicles that in the thirty-sixth year of Asa he ~~was~~ attacked Asa. And that, of course, does not possibly fit together and so we notice the explanation that has been given. We looked into that matter last time in connection with this chronology in the reign of Asa. Then we have ~~then~~ a rather thing here. We have the reign of Basha beginning in verse 33 of I Kings 15 and ending in ~~the~~ chapter 16, verse 6. So we have a unified passage ~~xxx~~ of eight verses and the chapter division coming after the first four, an instance in which the chapter division is clearly not in a reasonable place. I shouldn't use the term is not in the "right" place because the whole ~~of it~~ idea of chapter division is purely human device in order to find sections in the Bible. It is a very convenient device, but we must be careful not to be misled by the chapter divisions. They are in no sense inspired. So in Chapter 16 we have the word of the Lord through His prophet against Basha and this prophet declares that God is going to destroy Basha on account of His wickedness in following the ways of Jeroboam. Then ~~Basha~~ Basha dies and is buried just as in the case of Jeroboam. The prediction did not come ~~to~~ pass in his life time, the prediction of the destruction of his posterity. It came in the reign of *end of 28*

attacked him. This, of course, is something which happens throughout history. It is easy in a certain period of time to get a tradition established that it is proper to continue ~~on~~ a certain direction in government. You have a house reigning and people feel that it is proper that the descendants of this house should reign, but once someone makes a change by assassination and seizes the throne, you ~~not~~ destroy that continuity and you find it in country after country that once such a change as this takes place, then it is apt to be repeated.