

I mean, that word is really used for the whole nation. It was under Solomon, it was under David, it was under Saul. And after, when the nation of Israel ~~was~~ was divided, the southern kingdom was often called by the name of one of its tribes, Judah. And the northern kingdom was often called by the name of its largest tribe, Ephraim. And we often call the northern kingdom Isreal because it was the largest part, but after the northern kingdom goes into exile, the southern kingdom is often referred to as Israel. Because Israel, after all, is the whole people. Well, now, here in verse 12, is he talking to the southern kingdom which he is calling Israel, or is he talking to the northern ~~kingdom~~ kingdom.

The very verse before it compares the two, he has spoken of the two of them before, now he speaks of one of the two, and not only does he speak of one of the two, but he uses the ~~same~~ very term he used of one of the two before, backsliding Israel. Consequently, you have whether Israel ordinarily may ~~be~~ ~~called~~ mean Judah, now that Israel has gone into exile, or it may mean the whole business, including Israel in exile, in this particular case it unquestionably means the northern kingdom. It means the northern kingdom. And(10) I am not sure whether that means toward the northern kingdom was, or toward the direction from which Jer. says evil is coming upon the land from the north to the regions where these people have acutally been taken into exile. Is he looking toward their home, or toward their exilic residence.

There is rebuke, isn't it. But it is rebuke subsidiary to the invitation to come and receive God's blessing. It is a definite thing in verse 12 and 13. And consequently it is clear that ,while there is rebuke included in verse 13, it is part of blessing. It is belssing prophecy to the people ~~if~~ if they will turn to God. Verse 14, what does that mean. It means that I have entered into a relationship with Isreal, Isreal is under my special protection. I have entered into a relationship with a nation, and therefore I am holding you out to the individuals in the nation to come and receive God's blessing.

(question) Verse 8. Put her away and given her a bill of divorecement. And yet, in spite of that, he still says, I am married to her. So, if you want