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It may be that after being in the pits they will be executed. That would certainly be a good , or it may be that after being in the pit they will be released. Either one would be the sort of a great change by superior power which would be spoken of as a visitation in the sense of the Hebrew word " ", and then you have your verse 23, "The moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his elders gloriously," and this would certainly seem to be the picture of that which comes after the gathering together of these men and putting them in the pit. Whether it comes after their visitation or before is something that we could not tell necessarily from the context. Your passage may proceed right straight along in chronological fashion or your passage may look at one aspect and then may look at another aspect. Someone might have predicted ten years ago, someone might have said that Japan is attacking Manchuria and has begun an aggression against China, and someone might have said, "But this will not continue forever. The United States will attack Japan and will bring an end to its attempt at aggression, will destroy this empire, and will also put an end to the expanding plans of Hitler, the German. You could say that, and starting with Japan you could go on and deal with the relationship to Japan and then you could give that which would also occur in connection with it, the overthrow of Germany, even though the actual end of Germany and of Hitler took place some months before the end of the Japanese empire. You would not necessarily go in a chronological way. If you were to start in to tell what is going to happen next year to various members of the class, you might say, "such a member of the class is going next year to become a pastor of a church, such a member will become a professor in an institute of technology, such a man will have a child born in his family, such a man will be married--you could through and name--but it is very unlikely that you would go through and tell what was going to happen January, what was going to happen in March, what was going to happen in April, and arrange them in that order. You might do it, but you would be just as apt to either tell the most outstanding things first, regardless of the part of the year,