

of the power of this age, the prince of the power of the world, and we are displaced persons in Satan's world. God controls this world, and Satan cannot go beyond the distance God permits him to go, but God permits him to go mighty far during this age. It is God's plan; it is revealed here in the Scripture; it is pictured in many places in the Scripture, and I think clearly intimated here in Isaiah. And so we have this picture, the wonderful praise to God, glorifying God in the fires, and yet we do not reach the fruition of hope, instead<sup>of that</sup> we have the cry, "My leanness, my leanness. Woe unto me." The fleeing from here to the pit, and out of ~~the~~ the midst of the pit taken in the snare~~-;~~-shan-snare, and the~~y~~ upheaval becoming worse and worse, the earth reeling to and fro like a drunkard, and removed like a cottage in the transgression that 10 1/4 . But then in verse 21 we find that this is not the end. God gives us the wonderful opportunity of witness, but ~~the~~ not the opportunity of conquest. But the end comes not by man's efforts, but by God's intervention, the intervention of God's mighty power. And here we find it in verse 21, "And it shall come to pass in that day that the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high. The fierce forces of this wickedness, the powers in the heavenlies as described in Ephesians: "We wrestle not against earthly powers, but against principalities and powers and world rulers of this darkness." The powers of the heavenlies; the hosts of the high ones on high, and their underlings and their servants, the kings of the earth upon the earth--we cannot punish them, but God is going to punish them, and He is going to do it ~~y~~ in His own time. He is going to seize them, He is going to punish them, and then what will He do? Verse 22: "They shall be gathered together as prisoners are gathered in the pit." Why is it so? Why ~~is~~ <sup>does</sup> Isaiah looking 11 1/3 that there is need to~~y~~ tell us that they are gathered "gathered together as prisoners are gathered in the pit and shut up in the prison for many days." Why does he need to tell us this? To give us a glimpse of an