

~~Isaiah, the~~ Hezekiah, the good king had died and probably is found the wicked son Senacherib, and ~~so~~ so the land was going deeper into sin. Tentatively, the people of Israel were far off than the people around them, but compared to the ...in the past they had ~~fallen~~ fallen far short. The Isaiah's declarations had ...and what had come to the Northern Kingdom must inevitably come to them, and so under these circumstances, the godly in ~~the~~ the nation, the followers of ~~Isaiah~~ Isaiah were tempted to give way to despair, and then I think there is a verse that we ~~can~~ can call attention to here. It is in the eighth chapter of Isaiah. If we ~~look~~ look at the 8th chapter of Isa., Isa. tells about how the wickedness is going to overrun the land and ~~found there in~~ how there is in prophecy, an attempt to fight a losing battle. The forces of iniquity are ready, and he tells ~~us~~ us in chapter 8 how many shall stumble and fall and be broken, shall be ~~snared~~ snared and be taken. Then he said Bind up the testimonies, seal up the law. In other words, Isa. says, this ..of wickedness is going on and we can't stop it. We are ~~trying~~ trying to stop it. We are doing much to hold it ~~back~~ back , but it is winning out , and the exile is certain to win out, but he says, bind up the testimonies, seal the law of my disciples, keep a witness to the truth and the testimony that is sealed up among my ~~disciples~~ disciples will be widely reflected in a later time, ~~and so~~ and so the people of Isaiah's day, the godly people, found tremendous comfort in their souls from it, but doubtless they also realized that he was ~~looking~~ looking forward to a later time. He is looking ~~forwards~~ forward to that time when people tend to give way to ~~despair~~ despair then, ~~now~~ ...~~w~~ but what ~~was~~ was