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have turned to God. A great revival among the group that is left over. Well, then, I question -- it is possible that you have here a revival in Damascus condition, but a revival in Damascus is certainly something that is quite of the ordinary. Under the circumstances we would rather expect it to be made specific, made rather definite that Damascus is where the revival is, but revival in Israel is what we expect and what is often predicted in the Scripture. So it would seem to me that unless we have definite evidence that Damascus is involved in v. 7 we would have to say it is almost certainly Israel only that is meant in 7 and in that case it would seem most probable that the same is true of 6 and 5, that there is a revival among the people who are left. Well, now, how about v. 9? Whom is v. 9 (Student) talking about? / Yes, that would seem to be quite a reasonable suggestion. that this is again speaking about Iarael, not about Damascus. is one phrase in it which seems to sound more like Damascus than Israel-"which they left because of the c'ildren of Israel." Now what does that mean? Why did they reach these cities because of the children of Israel? Does that Assyrians mean that the/children of Israel so much that for their sakes they left certain cities? What does it mean? Mr.---? (Student)

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That might have happened in Damascus too, mightn't it? Mr. Shedd? (Student)

Does v. 9 go back to Damascus? "Because of the children of Israel" sounds

as if it wasn't the children of Israel, it was somebody else, and yet just

of

how would they be left because/the children of Israel in Damascus? Just what

sense is that? Let's look at the Hebrew of v. 9? Yes? (Student) From before.

Which were left from before the children of Israel. It doesn't seem to me

that "which they left because of" is a very good rendering. I don't remember

"meaning "because of". It is not the common rendering of "

at all. That's more apt to be "than "". "From before"