more than to glance at most of these where we have these wonderful promises. But I want xx particularly/mention the great messianic passages in the book of Isaiah. You are doubtless familiar with Isaiah 7:14 which---- where the wicked king Ahaz put his confidence in a human conspiracy instead of in God and refused to accept Isaiah's offerdax of a sign, and so Isaiah said, Hear ye now, O house of David, is is it s-a- a small thing for you to se weary men, Will you weary my God also.? Therefore, the Lord Himself k shall give you a sign, Behold a virgin shall conceive and bare a son and shall call His name Immanuel. It was ax promised that there would be a true representative of God, one who would be the Son of Davidex, the leader of God's people and this one was to be borne of a virgin. This is just one of the many little hints we are given in the Old Testament about Christ. We are told what family he is to come from. We are told how-the of the miraculous way in which he is to be borne. We are told of the place in which he is to be borne. We are told many wonderful things about Him. Let's look on two chapters further in Isaiah. The chapter 8 ends with the pieu- picture of the increasing darkness and misery as man-mean men turn away from God, and then after describing this Isaiah which Isa. says-point-blank points up to the coming of the great Assyrian army which is going to overrun the northern kingdom and to bring direcrasks misery to the Southern kingdom, -promises-the He promises that beyond the misery that sin has brought, there is going to be peace and happiness that God provides. And so chapter nine begins, Nevertheless, but then shall there n ot be , Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as wex a was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward and did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations. The people that walked in darness have seen a great

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