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you have any historical background there, Mr.---? (Student) The second

verse in the light of the context would probably hardly add anything to

the first. It might fit in with the first, as showing this was before the

destruction of Ephraim. It would seem to be a prediction of the overthrow

of Ephraim, wouldn't it? And therefore it must come before it happened,

but you already got that from the first so there is no particular need to

put it in again under the second. You might just note the second is similar

to the first, to that extent, although the second verse taken alone without

the first is a thing that might be said any time, of course. You have to take

it in relation to the first to get the specific thing it refers to. Well,

the third again is the same thing, and so is the fourth, the same thing.

Where is your next place where you find   , Mr.---? Yes. That

would be just like the second--the prediction of the overflow of Ephraim,

except that it is more specific than the second because it makes it   ;

the second verse, apart from the context, you wouldn't know what was referred

to, but the third, like the second in context, is a prediction of the over-

throw of Ephraim, and it would show, and so again would the fourth, that this

was prior to the overthrough of Ephraim, and that Ephraim is a problem of in-

terest to the people who hear Isaiah, it shows that. And so it suggests that

it may be that the historical background is the same as that in the other place

where we were looking, in Isaiah 7. Now, what is your next one after that,

Mr.---? What   to this? (Student) Well, that's a

prediction, but it doesn't show the historical background of the situation. You

wouldn't have   . It's a prediction of the future and of

great interest to us for that reason (Student). Yes, it would indicate that

of course these were not yet fulfilled. That you could get from it. What

is your next clear historical background, Mr.---? (Student) You have nothing

until 14. That is you feel that everything that is before 14 is something

which could be given of many different times. It doesn't relate specifically