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strength to the rest of His people. That's all he says in them, while this says the people are actually going to get to a state where everything seems to be just about hopeless. They whisper out of the dust. (Student) Yes. It's possible, entirely possible, but I think there's more . (Student). Well, I'm just merely raising that question. I'm not saying, as yet. I'm raising the question. I'm saying if this is prediction, if it is prediction of something which looms on the horizon in Isaiah's day, then it is historic background; if it's a prediction of something one or two thousand years later, then it is not historic background, except as it might relate specifically to something in his day.

Now we have in 28, if Mr. Ludlam's suggestion is right, in Verse 28 we have predictions that their clever schemes to protect themselves from Syria and Ephraim by making an alliance with Assyria is actually not going to help them but Assyria will actually attack them too, but if that is the case, then it seems very plausible that at the beginning of Verse 29 we have the further elaboration on that very thing, that the conspiracy, their clever plan, their scheme isn't going to work, and instead of its working and their being perfectly safe, they are actually going to get into a position where there is heaviness and sorrow and their speech whispers out of the dust and it just seems absolutely hopeless. It suggests that this is the situation, that particular situation in which they are. They say, "We're not worried about all this. We've got our clever schemes. We're not worried about what you're talking about, getting back to God and looking to Him for help. That's all very good for the old women to talk that way, but we've got our good strong right arm and more than that we've got our subtle brain and we've made a clever alliance with wicked world powers and we know, we'll be on their side and they may destroy all the rest but they won't touch us," and he says, "Is that so? Woe to Ariel, woe to Ariel ." He says, "You'll be brought low and speak out of the ground. You're going to be in a terrible situation." Now I don't say this is one hundred per cent clear, up to this point, but I