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say it is a possible interpretation of it and a very reasonable one and if we find as we go on that further informations fit into this interpretation then that suggests very strongly that it may be the correct one, but if we find some definite informations that don't fit with it then that looks very strong the other way. Now in Verses 5-7, as Mr.--- pointed out, you have three verses there which say, "God is going to give a complete overwhelming relief from this terrible emergency. You are faced with terrific disaster but all of a sudden, just like a clap of thunder, the Lord delivers you from it."

Well now, that could never be given in Jehoichin's day or in Zedekiah's day because the Lord turned over Jerusalem to destruction, but here is Jerusalem in the place where it seems that destruction is absolutely certain, and then suddenly like a clap of thunder there comes a complete deliverance to them. Well now when do you have the city in a situation where destruction seems absolutely certain and then a sudden, complete deliverance wrought by the Lord? That would fit exactly with Hezekiah, wouldn't it? That would fit perfectly with the situation which we found also predicted in Isaiah 10 that though the Assyrian army come and proceed against Jerusalem it is not going to conquer it. The Lord will put a stop to it. The Lord will deliver them, not by human hands or human force but by His marvelous interposition. That, of course, is exactly what we have described, as taking place under Hezekiah. It is a continuation of the complex of events which begin with Ahaz' wicked alliance with the Assyrians and with which Isaiah was so much concerned in the book of Immanuel, Isaiah 7-12.

Mr.---? (Student) Yes, a multitude of all the nations from--Verse 7? Yes, all the nations that fight against Ariel will be like a dream of a night vision. You looked down from the battlements of Jerusalem and you saw down there in the Philistine plain this great mass of the thousand of troops that the King of Assyria had levied from all the different lands that had previously been conquered by him and his father. You saw all these multitudes that had been brought there in conquering the western area and about to conquer Jerusalem and now you look, and it doesn't seem possible, they ever were there. It's