

and make ourselves secure. You say that Assyria will attack us. Well," they say, "if that happens we'll go down to Egypt. After all, Assyria isn't the only world power. There's another big world power in Egypt," and they say, "if we find that Assyria is turning against us we'll get the Egyptians to be on our side." So he says, "Woe to the rebellious children that take counsel, but not of me." They don't look to me for their advice but take their clever schemes, go to Yalta and make their wicked agreements that "cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin. Two sins in this case. The sin of agreeing with Assyria and then if that doesn't work they are going to do the same thing over on the other side, go to--if we make a clever scheme of promising half the world to Russia and think we'll get peace for the future by so doing, then if that doesn't work^{out}/we 'll divide the world with the Vatican and see if that works. We'll use one scheme or the other instead of looking to the Lord and standing on what He wants.

Mr.---? (Student) There is, as far as I recall, no record in the historical books of such a procedure being followed. Now there may be but I don't recall it, but in the prophetic books we find frequently from that time the criticism of the people for doing it. Jeremiah says to them, he says, "You who are trusting Egypt will find that Egypt is just a broken reed." (Student) Oh, yes. That is just looking on forward into the time when Assyria is a great menace. They make their clever conspiracy with Assyria and the result is they get rid of the buffer state Assyria has been, and then they start in making schemes to protect themselves by alliances with Egypt, and of course when you get to Jehoiakim and Jehoiachin and Zedekiah, they were doing that all the time. They would promise the king of Assyria they would be true to him and then when he charged them so much reparation that they couldn't possibly pay it, they started making agreements with Egypt, to get Egypt to protect them, and it is as if the prophet is looking forward to that and saying, "Now you think that Egypt will protect you from Assyria. Well", he says, "It won't work." Mr.---? (Student) Well, through the period from Isaiah's time on through the subsequent history of