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church to question its value in relation to unbelievers. I am inclined to think that he is not drawing a precise parallel between the two situations but that he is simply saying, "Here in the Old Testament you find this instance where the speaking in an unknown language is used simply as an indication of God's harsh chastening and of God's severe measures to ~~give~~ those who refuse to believe the simple truth which He gives, and he is using it as the minor portion of his argument on the importance of the Spirit's teaching as against the speaking in unknown tongues. Certainly, not the main part of his argument at Corinth, and certainly no statement to suggest that he is saying, "This is the fulfillment of that prediction." It is not that but it is a comparison of the fact that Isaiah's prediction of the Assyrian invasion used the term "speaking in an unknown tongue". (Student) Well, I wouldn't quite go that far. I would say that Verse 23 certainly sounds that way, doesn't it? Verse 23 certainly gives that impression, but Verse 22 says and to get into, of course, the full study of the chapter in Corinthians is a matter which I don't think we should take time for and I think others could direct you in much better than I can, but what I'm interested in is especially how the New Testament uses the Old, and in this case it is clearly not saying, "This is a fulfillment of that which is there given," but it is drawing a lesson from the particular use that is made in that prediction of something similar to that which he is now discussing. Mr.---? (Student) Yes. In Isaiah's time those who believed were reached with the prophesying, with the line on/,precept on precept; in Isaiah's time, those who rejected caused that the harsh discipline of the Assyrian invasion come upon the whole nation, and then many were brought to believe , as a result of the Assyrian invasion, many were hardened but many others were brought to think seriously of eternal things and to come back to inquiring about the prophesying and at least being more interested.

Well, now then, I think we might return to Isaiah 29 now and between 28 and 29 what shall we say about the archbishop's judgment? First, what