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out and said "I'm going to make a trip to Ariel.   How would people know what
I was talking about? (Student) Ariel? Ariel? I never heard of it. I never
heard about it. I do not know of any other case in the Bible except this
chapter where the word Ariel is used of Jerusalem. I don't know of any other
case.   I question very seriously whether it ever was a proper name used of
Jerusalem.   It impresses me that it is more probable that he is simply taking
a term and applying it. He is using a signification which seems to him to be
appropriate, and he is using it in such a way that you can gather from this
context what he is talking about. He says, "Woe is toAriel, to Ariel." What's
he talking about? Is he talking about Ephraim? Is he talking about Samaria?
Is he talking about Damascus? What is he talking about? Well, he doesn't
leave you long in suspense. The city where David dwelt. Well, you get that
word, the city where David dwelt. Where did David dwell? He was born in
Bethlehem. He was king in Hebron for a few years, but he was king in Jerusalem
most of his time and one would certainly as the most probable answer, "He is
talking about Jerusalem, the city where David dwelt."Add ye year to year; let
them kill sacrifices."   Well, what's happened. Here's Jerusalem with the
temple. Surely the sacrifices suggest Jerusalem, but he is using a term for
Jerusalem. Well, now why should he call it Ariel? Well, the word"Ariel" has
                                                      is God.
two possible interpretations. The word   "El", of course/ but "ari", "Ariel".
What would "Ari" mean? Well there are two words that that could be.   "Lion"
is the most common one. We would certainly naturally think of a lion. "Woe
to the lion of God, the lion of God."   That is a possibility, but another
possibility is the word "hearth", the place where the fire is burning, the
place where things are consumed, the place where it's--you throw the waste
paper, where the ashes are left.   Hearth, a pleace that has a real purpose;
is important, which is useful, but which is--perhaps you wouldn't like to
sit right down in front of it. It's rather unpleasant. Now which of these
two does he mean. There is only one way to tell and that is to look at the