

Prophets 13

So shall the multitude of all the nations be that fight against Mount Zion. Well, what is Isaiah's objective here? Is he here trying to tell these people that there is ahead for them wonderful comfort, just be happy and joy in the Lord? Not at all. He is saying to them, "You people are wicked, you are trusting to human schemes instead of to divine help, instead of doing what God wills and saying, "If I follow Him, He will take care of me," you say, "I 'll work these clever schemes and I will bring peace in our time with clever, human alliances with forces that stand for the very opposite of what we stand for!" "Do you think that is going to accomplish some good?" "Well," he says, "God is going to make you like Ariel, He is going to bring you terrific suffering and misery but," he says, "God is going to give a marvelous indication that He is in control by the fact that just when all your schemes have proven an utter failure and all of your planning in order that you can, by alliances with wicked nations, bring good into the world has proven an utter sham. God is going to intervene and in a way that will be clearly His power and His alone will give you a complete refuge from the terrible danger that faces you. There is rebuke. It is not blessing. It is rebuke, it is a wonderful interposition, a revelation of God's marvelous power, not a blessing for these wicked nobles to whom he is speaking. He has been speaking to the people of, to the king before, in 7 to 12 and he has said, "Aha is the scion of the House of David who is false, not doing as the Lord would have him. God is going to replace him with His true Son, with His true leader of His people, with the true scion of the House of David." Now he says to the nobles, "You should be trusting God and following Him. Instead you are entering into these wicked conspiracies and making alliances with nations whose very fundamental principles are contrary to God's will and God's purposes," he says. What does he say is going to happen to them, as he has told us what is going to happen to Ahaz, the replacing, by the sending of His own true Son in place of the false king? What is going to happen to the nobles,