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 in the direction of/being the whole earth. Mr. ---? (Student) Yes.  
 "few men left". That--the curse has devoured the earth and they that  
 dwell therein are desolate: the inhabitants are burned, and few are left.  
 That seems to sound more like a destruction from war than a divine overture,  
 although it might be a divine overture, too, through a hostile force. In  
 that sense, of course, thinking of it as a great part of the earth having  
 become Christian and then apostatized and then overwhelmed. That is simply  
 the Palestine thought enlarged. That would be that idea or the  
 general idea of its being a continuation of the burdens on the foreign  
 nations thinking of this as perhaps the great, Babylon, the great wicked  
 world force, or something like that, in the last days, being despoiled by  
 enemies, but does the Bible teach that it will be despoiled by its enemies?  
 Mr. Wolfe? The idea is that the everlasting covenant, v. 5. refers to the  
 covenant with Noah. It is a very interesting idea, very interesting sug-  
 gestion which would make it apply to the whole earth, but it's not usual.  
 Usually the idea of the covenant seems to be that of the covenant people.  
 (Student) Well, now that is an interesting question to advance. Is this  
 question of the everlasting covenant--how is this particular phrase used?  
 It might be used either way or both ways but if you find it used exclusively  
 that way, that might throw great light on it. Mr. ---? (Student) I would  
 question whether would be the use of this word . There is the  
 destruction in war which comes from the explosion, from all the damage  
 wrought in the course of conflict, and then there is the destruction that comes  
 from the conquerors taking things away with them. Now I hadn't taken this  
 word " " and traced it all through. I'm only speaking from the impres-  
 sion that I had of its use, but my impression of its use is that it refers  
 to the seizing of the goods and taking them away rather than to the injury  
 of the goods in the course of the fall. That's my rather definite impression