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and tribute would go there, but here they are told to send a tribute to Zion because Zion is the one which in the future would receive the blessing. I don't know of any time when they would have sent a tribute to Zion in recorded history, since the time of Saul. Of course our history isn't extremely full of the days, the latter part of the period before the time of Christ, but I don't know of any evidence of tribute then, and this says, "Send it to Zion". It doesn't say, "Send it to Samaria," so that does make something of a problem. Mr. Moffitt, what is your suggestion? (Student) But one wonders whether such an interpretation would be possible. The lamb certainly suggests it but I question whether it can be worked out. I incline to think that it means "Send a gift to Zion. Send something to win the favor of Zion, because Moab is in for difficulty. Hide the outcasts. Don't betray the fugitives. Let my outcasts dwell with thee, and thus protect Moab from the fate of the destroyer." In other words, Moab is in a situation where it may help Israel, or it may not and if Moab helps Israel, let Moab know that her throne is going to be established in loving kindness in the tent of David, judging and seeking justice, and swift to do righteousness. Now does this have much relevance to the day of Isaiah? It may be that after the Assyrian conquest of the northern kingdom Moab fell under the jurisdiction of Israel, but I don't know of any evidence of it. Unless it refers to that period, there is the possibility that it might refer to some very far future time. If you were to think of present situations, you have in Moab today a king named Abdulla, who had an article in one of our American magazines a year ago saying how they would never agree to have the Jews hold Jerusalem or Palestine, that that was their territory and the Jews should never hold it, and then a few months ago Adella there was working with the governments of Egypt and of Lebanon, Syria and Irak and they all were going to put an end to Jewish government. That was one thing; there must be no Jewish independent government. That they would not stand for and