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they were all going to wipe the Jewish independent government, and then we have, now we have a situation where the other air powers were all afraid that Abdullah would get power and they don't like Abdullar particularly well, they mostly belong to different dynastic groups than he and they thought he was trying to get the southern part of Palestine for himself and now it pretty well looks as if the Jews have won their battle and established their own independence and how much longer they are going to take it is hard to say, so that if you think of it as applying to today you might say, "Let the people of that area, of Moab, know that the future is with Zion." Now does it refer to today? Certainly in the days of Hezekiah, after the Assyrian conquest of the nothern kingdom, Judah was not in a position to be any great menace to Moab. Of this statement, "Hide the outcasts, betray not the fugitives," that suggests that perhaps the Jews were in difficulty and were fleeing into Moab, and that they were told, "Give them help, give them proteetion because the future is with Zion, and in the future there will be a king ruling in Zion, seeking justice, swift to do righteousness and it will make a difference with his attitude toward you whether you have helped Israel when they were in trouble. It says, "Hide the cutcasts, betray not the fugitives." It is a passage in which we do not have enough context to be very sure as to the full meaning of what, what it would be, but "Send the lambs from the ruler of the land up to the mount of the daughter of Zion." Does this refer to a transfer of tribute to Zion such as had formerly gone to Samaria? Does it indicate some special help there to give to the people of Jerusalem, and if so as to what period does it refer? Mr. Gusfafson? (Student) No. V. 13, "This is the word the Lord spoke concerning Moab in time past, but now the Lord has spoken, saying -- ". It seems to me that that would mean, "We've had a big prediction about Moab; now we are giving you one that is specifically dated." I wouldn't think it would limit what preceded at all, but that it would be a, you might say, a proof that what preceded is to be

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