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fulfilled that this is given, or perhaps a warning to people for not having accepted the previous one, that now at last it is coming to pass. If you take it in the latter sense, "Now the time is here; this is to come to pass," then perhaps Mr. Gustafson's suggestion might be a good one, that it means that all this past, perhaps given twenty years before, has now reached the time at which v. 13 is given, now within three years this is all fulfilled. Or you may take it, Now is the earnest. Here is something going to happen now; here is proof that what precedes is also going to take place. I am inclined to think that probably <sup>the</sup> /view that all of it was meant <sup>then</sup> /to be fulfilled is the better one and consequently that Mr. Gustafson's suggestion is a good one. We do not have a great deal of material on which to build certainty, and that is, of course, our difficulty. We have a lot of interesting proper names here, reading on after 5, of prediction which may be of the distant future, then the pride of Moab and the pride is going to be brought low. V. 12 is an interesting statement, that Moab will present himself and weary himself on the high place and come to his sanctuary to pray, and he will not revail. He will say, "Let's have a day of prayer." It won't do them any good. Many people think if you have a day of prayer, that's all that is necessary. We set aside a national day of prayer and then everything will be all right. The Lord says you can weary yourselves with days of prayer but the question is, "What is your attitude in the day of prayer? What is the attitude of your heart towards God?" Here they will pray but they won't prevail. There is a real lesson for us in v. 12. Prayer out of a haughty heart accomplishes nothing, and it would seem likely then most of it refers to the condition of that period, causing the downfall of Moab, but it looks forward certainly into the distant future in v. 12. You, in these days, give help. Don't turn against Israel; give help to her. Eventually Israel will be supreme. Surely v. 5 is the prediction of a throne to be set up in Jerusalem some time to have great power over Moab and other regions. Certainly it has not as yet been fulfilled.