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special interest in Jerusalem or gave it any special help at this time. In fact, all the evidence looks in the opposite direction, so what would seem to be in the time of Isaiah the obvious interpretation to one reading proves not to be the one that was fulfilled when it came to pass, and in the ^{actual} situation you'll find that the apparent contrast between 17 and 18 is a real contrast because they are two different times, and then in verse 17 is what occurred after seventy years and the Tyrians forget God and ^{turn against Him and} think they are going to be great in their own power and might but actually in the end God is going to take it and use it for His glory and for His purposes, but that might be said to have occurred to some small extent later on when Tyre became a Christian area and an area from which the gospel went out into that section, but whether there was enough in that to be the fulfillment of this or whether it waits for greater fulfillment in the future is a question. (Student) Yes. That's right. It could very well have been fulfilled at that time but it wasn't, and so we have to say that that is, while a perfectly natural, possible interpretation of it in the day of Isaiah, when the things come to pass, we find that it did not work out that way, and therefore we think the other must be the way that it was really meant. (Student) I would think so, yes. Mr. Gustafson? (Student) Most likely, yes. Ezekiel--it was right immediately. This time it is over a hundred years later. (Student) Yes. Well, it seems to be that Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the city of Tyre but some of the people fled to an island. Yes. They fled half a mile out into the sea to an island, and the people there in the island more or less barely carried on an existence for about seventy years, and then, under the new conditions under Cyrus they were again able to spread out and to build quite a strong situation on their island. It was very strong again and it became a great commercial city and it remained so until the days of Alexander the Great and he built his famous ~~moat~~ out to the island. (Student) Yes. That's right and it says that they will scrape the sand and the dust from out of these. (Student) Yes, and Alexander