

a real alliance against him of Judah and Philistine states in various countries, without Egypt being a real (11 1/4) So that that would be a good guess of Barnes' with the material available at the day, it might have been a very good guess, but in the light of the new material we have today, I don't think it fits. (stu) Yes, that's what Sennacherib says, and that fits with chapter 39 where ~~he~~^{it} tells about Merodach Baladan ~~said in~~^{sending} his embassy to him. Merodach-baladan is leading in the east against Assyria, and Hezekiah was leading in the west. And that fits together, but I doubt if we would have known that clearly before we had this Assyrian material. So that's a good guess on Barnes' part. (stu.) I don't think the showing the treasure was the vital thing. You would get that impression from just reading it, but I don't think it was the showing the treasure, it was what that signified, it was making false alliances. It was thinking that he could make a close friendship with little Babylon against mighty Assyria, which after all is somewhat similar to Ahaz' scheme of making friendship with mighty Assyria against lesser Syria and Israel, and the Lord is saying to him, well, now, you're falling into the errors of your father a little bit here, tell you what's going to happen, this people that you think are a good help for you against Assyria, they're going to become the great power, and they're the ones that are going to destroy Judah, rather than Assyria. I don't think it was really so much of a criticism of Hezekiah as it was of pointing out that he was beginning to fall into that error. I don't think that just the showing as that it represented the close friendship. Showing a courtesy to people from a foreign distant nation, there'd certainly be nothing wrong with that, but entering into close alliance with the ungodly nation, that was the wrong thing, and thinking he could figure who would be the good one to be friends with, he says, you better put your trust in the Lord, rather than any of the ungodly nations. It fits in again with the emphasis...

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...a good question, whether there were parties in Judah, some wanting to be pro-Assyrian and some wanting to be pro-Egyptian. I don't believe we have any evidence, but I