

Survey of Isa. 7-12, 28-35

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his anger, whom God uses for His purpose and yet whom God will destroy because the Assyrian in his pride thinks it is his power rather than God's permission that enables him to do what he does. And I went into that and spent an hour on it, and I was getting from her in ~~the~~ the next two or three months I kept ~~ke~~ getting every now and then a note about something she had come across in connection with your chapter. So she seemed to think ch. 10 was a chapter I was greatly interested in, and of course it is a great chapter, but before ch. 9 and ~~11~~ 11 it sort of is inconspicuous. We could spend an hour or two on chapter 9. There are great lessons for our day in it. How God uses the Assyrian, uses the wrath of wicked men for His purpose, but that does not excuse them for what they do and God punishes them for it. But look now at the very end of the ch. where it vividly describes what the people were afraid of -- the coming of an army from the North.

"He is come to to Aiath, he is passed to Migron; at Michmash he hath laid up his carriages; They are gone over the passage. . . . vs. 29,30 . . . O poor Anathoth. I remember when I came on horseback through this country just N. of Jerus. You saw all these little towns and you could vividly picture this passage as he described one town after another as you look N. from Jerus., and you imagine you see the Assyrian army coming.

Vs.31 Madmenah is removed . . . vs. 32 . . . the hill of Jerusalem. You can just imagine the Assyrian coming down. This picture is what the people imagined. Actually the Assyrian didn't do this way. He came down along the coast and came up through Lachish. He didn't come this way. The Babylonian came this way 150 yrs. later . But this is a vivid picture of what the people feared -- the Assyrians coming down that way, getting closer and closer. Ahaz has opened up that way. The buffer states are gone. There is nothing to protect them. It looks forward to 30 yrs. later when Sennacherib's army comes. They come, they come, they come. They shake their fists at us, there is nothing we can do. BUT vs. 33, Behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, shall lop the bough with terror, and the high ones . . . shall be humbled. . . . vs.34....Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.