

Survey of Isa. 7-12, 28-35

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the little word "and", the KJV translated it "moreover." Now the Heb. word "and" covers a wide area of meaning. Sometimes we can translate it as "but". Moreover, also, are possibilities. "But" is also a definite possibility. It is used to tie together two things that just naturally go together, but it is also used for big changes. You say the Germans will hold France for two and a half years, and they will be driven out after Dunkirk. You can use your "and" to show a big transition in English, just as you can to show a close union of two things. But when we do we are more apt to say "but." And if you say "but" rather than "moreover" you see the important change that takes place at this point. But the multitude of thy strangers shall become as small dust, and the mult. of the terrible ones, yea as chaff that passeth away, yea it shall be at an instant suddenly." You see the picture of the destruction of the Assyrian army. Vs. 6, Thou shalt be visited of the Lord of hosts with thunder . . . vs. 7 shall be as a dream of a night vision vs. 8 . . . It shall even be as when an hungry man dreams (now here is Sennacherib), and behold he eats, but he awaketh and his soul is empty . . . so shall the mult. of all the nations be that fight against Mt. Zion." Here in these 8 vs., we have 4 vs. showing the coming of Sennacherib's invasion, and then these 4 vs. show vividly how God is going to deliver Jerus. from Sennacherib. He is looking forward to this calamity that is coming as a result ~~of what~~ Ahaz' act but to the marvellous deliverance that the Lord is going to bring. He is showing the terrible situation as a rebuke to these people who have made this alliance, but showing how God will deliver as encouragement to the godly people who would tend to become disheartened and give way to despair. in the face of that situation.

Then he goes on to speak about the leaders who have led them into this, and he points out to them what a situation they are in. Vs.9 and following describes their situation. I have listed Ephraim, 28:1-4. Alliance with Assyria, you have it in ~~28:1-4~~ 28:14-15,17,18,20. Then Sennacherib's invasion you have in ~~19~~ ch. 29,20,31. Then the New Nation in 29:13-19. Now just see how he brings that in. He here tells what is the spiritual condition of the nation as a whole.