

Survey of Isa. 7-12, 28-35

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If we can't ...ASSyria is next to us now, we'll play off Egypt against Assyria. So they had to go down to Egypt. They have not asked at my mouth, he says, to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt. . . Vs. 3 Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame. You won't get your protection from Egypt either. And we find that after they were faced with Assyria, that is what they did a long time. They kept trying to play off Egypt against Assyria, and he says that won't work.

And in vs. 16 he pictures them going down to Egypt with great amounts of burdens on the beasts with gifts to take ~~f~~ down there to try to get Egyptian help. Vs. 6 The burden of the beasts of the south" and he describes how they carry their riches on the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures on the bunches of camels to a people that shall not profit them, for the Egyptians shall help in vain and to no purpose. So he goes on criticising them for their turning away from God, and tells them in vs. 15 the only place they should find their protection is in God. Vs. 15 and ye would not." You see, but ye would not would bring out the thought a little better, easier in English there. But ye would not. But ye said, No . . . vs. 16 . . . Vs. 17 goes on with his condemnation.. At the rebuke of five shall ye flee....Does he say, Until you are annihilated? Until you are destroyed? No, he says, until ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on an hill. In other words, Israel for not following the Lord as they should is going to suffer. They are going to flee, they are going to be scattered, but they are not to be completely destroyed. They will still remain as an ensign, as a beacon, as a sign, as an evidence of what God has done and what God is yet to do.

They say that Frederick the Great, the great Prussian skeptical scoffer said once to his chaplain, he said, Give me in one word some evidence of Christianity. The chaplain said, The Jews. In other words, the words of the prophecy have been fulfilled in the punishment of the Jews for their not following God as they should, ~~little~~ in their scattering. But in their continuing. The ancient Egyptians are all