

even by the way that he had not gone with his feet." God ~~nam~~ says, I am the one who has raised up this great powerful aggressor. This great world figure, He says, I ~~am~~ the Lord and the one who has done it, calling the generations from the beginning. Writing this a hundred and fifty years before, in the time of Isaiah, but predicting the coming of this righteous man from the east, so that when the people see it, they will know that this is what was predicted in Isaiah 41. "The isles saw it, and feared." You see this one coming forward. He's conquered the area to the north of Babylon. He has gone on up into Asia Minor. He conquered section after section. Finally, half of Asia Minor was conquered. In the other half of it, of Asia Minor, was a ~~people~~^{nation} called, Lydia. And ~~the king~~^{its} ~~reigned over Crete~~^{named Croesus}, who was considered so fortunate, that he was considered the most fortunate man in all the world, to have everything work out exactly the way he wanted it. He was very, very fortunate, and he was king of half of Asia Minor, and now this army has taken everything right up to his borders. So this describes them. "The isles saw it, and feared. The ends of the earth were afraid." What did Grecians do? He sent down to his Deltic oracles in Greece and he asked, what shall I do? Here is this great army coming, and tremendous area has been conquered. Well, shall I wait until they attack my empire? Or shall I march out and attack them? The deltic oracle said, if you march out and attack their armies, a great empire will be destroyed. He thought that this meant that he would destroy this great empire that reached from Persia clear across north of Babylonia, and nearly half of Asia Minor, and so he marched out and fought a great battle and was utterly defeated and taken prisoner, and he saw that what the Deltic Oracle ~~nam~~ meant was his great empire would be destroyed, instead of the other empire. So the oracle proved to be a true prediction, and told exactly what would happen. Only it didn't ~~make~~ tell which would be destroyed. That's the difference between Biblical prediction, and such prediction as the Deltic Oracle, They worded it in such a way that whatever happened would be true. But the ~~nam~~ Biblical predictions are not so worded.

Well, they feared. "The isles saw it and feared. The ends of the earth were afraid. They drew near, and came. They helped every one his neighbor. Everyone said to his brother, be of good courage. So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, ~~and he~~