

now, the interesting thing here is that the part of China which was nearer to the west was called ~~Sinim~~. Sinim we have here with the plural ending, but it was called Sin. And this section of that could easily at the time of Isaiah have given its name to ^{the whole} ~~that~~ area. They would think of the whole of the far east under the name of that portion of China which is the nearest, and which people going overland to China would come in contact with first. Just as the French call all of Germany ~~Allegagne~~, after the little tribe in the ~~Allegagne~~ that happen to be nearest them. And as we, in fact, call all of Asia by the name Asia, even tho originally it was just the name of the region we call Asia Minor. That was ~~the~~ Asia. And we from Europe coming to that, the nearest section called the whole thin Asia, and so the name ~~of~~ Sin can very easily have been used at that early date for the whole area. Now, we don't know. But we have no reason to think that Isaiah was referring to anything ~~esle~~ except China when he said, Sinim. And there is every reason to think that is waht he ~~is~~ did mean. But the interesting development is this, that the time came when a Chinese ruler of this far section of Sin, which was furthest west, led an army and conquered the whole of China, and made a unity of it, and established himself as emperor over all China, and gave the name of his local section to the whole land of China, and it is my impression that his dynasty only lasted a very few years, and that ~~xxx~~ within a very few years he was supplanted by someone from an entirely different section, but that the name which he gave to the whole has come to be used by Europeans (of course, we call ourselves Europeans in contrast to people of Asia) has been used by Europeans every since as a name for China. It is not the name they used, but it is the name we have come to use for the whole of China. The word China is a direct development from this word Sin. And so we have Isaiah here using a term for the Far East, which was only a term for a part of it at that time, but came to be the term for all of China in a later time, after Isaiah wrote it, and I don't think that there is any doubt when ~~Isaiah~~ Isaiah says these from the land of Sinim, what we mean is these from the land of China. And so he is showing the outreach of God's message, and the extension of the work of the servant, so that some come from north, how