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And it was rather hard to know exactly what I wanted him to talk about there was so many things that I would have liked to have had us hear from him. It thrilled us a few years ago to hear his account of his experience in Peking, in the midst of the Japanese occupation when he was interned there and when he secretly had a radio with which he got the news, that was hidden from everyone else. And how he used to go in disguise around the city and the different things that he did in the great contribution that he made to the war effort there and the great risk of his life. The victory was won and it looked as if ~~the~~ democracy was going to be established in the world. And many a person, I heard say, during the war, "if only the western powers win this war, there would be such an opportunity for Christian missions in the orient as the world has ever seen. But we have seen Mr. Kok, of course, the forces of wickedness and atheism sweep over that land and bring to an end all successful efforts in extending the gospel in it and all democracy in the land. I would have liked to have had us hear from Mr. Kok, as I have heard him talk about his many years of experience there in Peking and the great he gave to evangelical missionary effort in that land. He used to have nearly a hundred missionaries as his guest at Christmas dinner sometimes. They used to hold meetings in his home there regularly and he was a tremendous force in helping the extension of evangelical missions and at the same time he had many contacts with the tremendous force of modernism in the mission work in China and it was a sad experience to see the way modernism swept more and more and gained the victories in that land. I would have liked to have had him tell you about his work with the International Council in recent years and the great victories that have been accomplished in the work done. But this morning I think that we will turn to the book of Isaiah and study a chapter in that book (break in record) 21/2 chapter of the section of the book of Isaiah which is known as the Isaiah apocalypse. Chapters 24-27 are generally called by that