

will take away . . . their round tires like the moon."

In the light of the context it is obvious that this passage has nothing to do with conditions in America in this century, but is a prediction of the destruction and depopulation that came to Israel within two centuries after Isaiah wrote. The "tires" mentioned were not rubber tires. The word here is an English translation made three hundred years ago of a Hebrew word which does not describe rubber tires, but some sort of "attire" or ornament worn by the Hebrew women of the time.

In order to know what Bible prophecy means we must study it with the same care with which we would study any other difficult book. We must examine the context of each statement in order to get the basic ideas. We must study the words as they were used at the time when they were written in order to see exactly what is involved and what is not involved.

When we study the Bible in this way and find the thoughts that God led the writer of the Bible to put down, we discover that it gives us such knowledge as could never be secured from any other source. This includes knowledge of many important things about the future of the world.

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We can trust Biblical prophecy about the future because we can see how precisely it has been fulfilled in the past. Time after time we find