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This is revealed to them which they previously did not understand. Who will believe what we've heard? Others say this is the prophets pointing out "who will believe what we've heard?" Well, in either case it is not a literal statement. It is not saying nobody's going to believe this. It is not saying this is something that will not gain acceptance. What it is saying is "this is a very strange thing, this is something that one would not have expected." That's what it's saying. And so when we realize that that's what it's really saying, though the words are "Who has believed our report?" and the answer seemed to be 'nobody', these aren't important. It isn't that at all.....What it means is "Who would have thought it would be this way." It is something that has come as a result of divine activity and divine revelation which is not what human wisdom would have concocted.

So, "who would have believed" would be a much better reading than "who has believed." And this word 'report' is not particularly good because the Hebrew is ^(sp. ?) shemuaching which is the passive part of the verb "to hear".

"Who would have believed what we have heard," is literally what it is

saying. "Our report" is all right if you understand the report as meaning "the thing that has come to our attention." Now if our report means "the thing we said" then of course it's the prophets and not the king. But it isn't. The word is a passive part. It is the thing that has come to our attention. Now the prophets can say that because God gave it to them.

But the kings can also say it. And, I ~~don't~~ actually don't think it's a very important matter who said it. It becomes an important matter if you start the ~~chapter where~~ passage with the chapter division where the