

Ewald during the 19th century, but examination of the evidence shows that his suggestion is quite unwarranted. It relates to a very common Hebrew word, which is generally used as a preposition, but occasionally as a conjunction. Its commonest equivalent in English is "on" or "upon," though it has a wider range of meaning. There are many passages where it clearly means "because" or "on account of," but there are only a very few where it has even been suggested that the word could mean "although," and in most of these "because" would fit just as well or better. There is no reason to substitute "although" for "because."

Those who deny the possibility of predictive prophecy will not readily admit that Isaiah could describe with such remarkable accuracy an incidental detail of an event that would occur seven hundred years later. Those who believe in a miracle-working God are not surprised to find that a literal rendering of the Hebrew text exactly describes what actually happened.