

Isaiah 12 Part 2

Damascus and might well go under the burden of Damascus, but Ephraim is very specifically mentioned in v. 3 so that it is evidently the Syrio-Ephraimic invasion which is so prominent in Isaiah 7 that is in mind, and Damascus is a vital portion of that, but it is not the portion which is of greatest interest to the author. Mr.---, what was your question?
(Student)

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Since Syria and Ephraim are united in the invasion, the chapter as a whole might conceivably be dealing with the two in one picture. That would be the burden of Damascus and Ephraim, but as we get into the chapter, just how much of it does deal with Damascus? Is there any evidence; between verses 1 and verses and 11 is there any definite, clear reference to Damascus? Is there any verse in 4-11 of which we can say we are 100 per cent sure this relates to Damascus. Is there any verse there of which we can say we are 100 per cent that this includes Damascus. Are there any verses there of which we can say we are 100 per cent sure that this verse does not include Damascus. Take v. 4. What is v. 4 talking about? Is Damascus included in v. 4 at all? You can say, can't you, that you are 100 per cent sure that v. 4 is not talking about Damascus at all, nor is it including Damascus. V. 4 is dealing with Ephraim, very specifically. It is dealing in terms which might conceivably include both Ephraim and Judah but in the light of the previous verse we can say that it is at least possible that it includes only Ephraim and not Judah, only the northern kingdom, I mean. We often call the northern kingdom Israel, when certainly the southern kingdom is just as much Israel as the northern kingdom. Mr. Moffitt? (Student)

Ephraim with the northern kingdom, Ephraim being the outstanding tribe of the northern kingdom. Of course, Ephraim is only a portion of the northern kingdom but it is often used as a term for the whole. Well, then v. 4 is not dealing with Damascus. What about v. 5? What is v. 5 talking about? Is it talking about Ephraim, that is, I mean, the whole northern kingdom,