

Syria, made it part of the Assyrian Empire, and then when the Greeks came to the Assyrian Empire, the first part they came to was the part where the Arameans lived and so they called it Assyria, and then shortened it to Syria. So today we use two names that are very similar, Syria, for the old kgdm. of Aram, and Assyria for the altogether different empire further east. So our names Syria and Assyria can be easily confusing to us. So it is good to have that in mind.

Now I say here the Syro-Ephramitic invasion. The K. of Israel, the northern kingdom, is sometimes called ~~the~~ Ephraim after its largest tribe. The name is used interchangeably with Israel. Now this Syro-Ephramitic invasion is the important background of the beg. of the parts of the Script. that we are going to look at today. The Syro-Ephramitic invasion.

It occurred about 733 B.C. and it is described -- 2 Kings 16 (much of the ~~chapter~~ chapter deals with it, but the verses dealing specifically with it are vs. 1-2, and 5-10) 2 Chron. 28:1,5-8, 16-21. In Isa. we have only two verses that specifically describe it. They are Isa. 7:1-2, and they would not be very understandable to us if it were not for the long account of it in Kings and Chronicles. ~~Isa. 7:1-2~~ Ch. 7:1-2 say:

(reading text) .....As the trees of the wood are moved with the wind" @

Now this does not give you sufficient background to understand Isa. 7 or Isa. 28. But it refers to the situation ~~very~~ very ~~briefly~~ briefly and you find it described at length in the passages in 2 Ki. and 2 Chron. I am not taking time to look at those passages. I would just briefly summarize them now. They are very very important to the background of these two sections. The King of Israel, Pekah, ruled an area that was much stronger than Judah, and if it came to ~~army~~ war between the two simply ~~of~~ on a basis of power and strength, Israel would certainly ~~bbb~~ very very ~~it~~ probably be overcome. It was larger and stronger than Judah. Now beyond Israel was Syria which was larger and stronger than Israel, and so when the people heard Syria We not only have to fear and attack from Israel; we have an attack from ~~Assyria~~ Assyria in addition. It is no wonder that the heart was moved ~~like~~ like the trees of the wood are moved with the wind.