

Survey of Isa. 7-12, 23-35

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Its people feel very safe. But he says suddenly it is going to completely disappear. So these nobles of Judah and Je rus. hear this, and say That is fine. That encourages the people. That developes their morale, that's just what we've been saying. That is what's going to happen. Only we know how it's going to happen. Tiglath P. is coming in to attack. Only we are paying him to do it. So they say this is OK. Let the old fool keep on talking! So Isa. goes on, and they don't interfere with him. So he contines vs. 5, In that day shall the Lord of hosts be for a crown of glory . . . unto the residue of his people, vs. 6 . . . battle in the gate." Now they are not quite so sure. Now he is bringing in his religious ideas. He is talking about God here. It is find how he has been saying that the Lord is going to destory Ephraim, but is there any kind of an implication of a criticism of us that the Lord is going to be the spirit of judgment and the crown of glory instead of our clever schemes. The people don't know about it, and we can't imagine he knows about it, but is ~~these~~ this a little slur on us. Well, they don't feel strongly enough to thow him out, but then in vs. 7 Vs. 7 ~~is~~ very poorly translated here in the KJV.

It doesn't give the idea at all. In the Heb. the word 'they' ordinarily is not expressed . "Have error". You see "they also have error" it says here. Now in Heb. it would just be the verb, "have erred" But in Heb. there is a specific word that is normally trans. "these". Here they have just translated it "they". The ASV issued in 1901 transl it, "and even these reel with wine". I think it would be better to take it like the KJV does, but substitute "these" for "they". "But these also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way . . ." In other words he says, Look at those drunkards of Ephraim up there in Samaria. They are going to be wrecked. Well that's fine. But these also, here are these folks, they also have error through wine and strong drink. The priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine . . . they err in vision . . . vs. 8 ..all tables are full of vomit and filthiness" He is here rebuking these nobles in their banquet. And as he says this --- If he had started with this they would probably have thrown him right out. But now when he says it this way, instead of that they start grumbling.