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determined effort over a period of time for his parents to determine they are going to give their child that name and they are going to raise that child in such a way that he'll be the one who will do that, so that we admit Mr. Moffitt has a definite point there, that there is a possibility that the name might^{also}/be a part of a determined fulcrum but it's less likely. The fact of the name Josiah being predicted three hundred years in advance is certainly something which is of very real value though, as Mr. Moffitt pointed out, not a supreme value.

Mr. ---? (Student) Yes. That such a thing would happen would be an element. It is not an absolutely overwhelming thing but at least it's much more of a definite fulfillment that the king should have that name than the mere fact that the man would want to do it. But now take the second element. /"There will be a king--a child will be born to the house of David, Josiah by name!" Well, now he made this prediction to Jeroboam. Suppose he said, "A child will be born to the house of Jeroboam, Josiah by name." In the times of Josiah was there a man of the house of Jeroboam, was there a family, the house of Jeroboam who might have said, "Let's name our child Josiah"? What happened to Jeroboam's house? It was completely out. Every individual had been killed, there were no more kings of the line of Jeroboam. Well the next house that reigned in the northern kingdom after Jeroboam was the house of Bashaa and as you know the northern kingdom was more than twice as strong as the southern kingdom, a much more important and powerful kingdom. During that three hundred years the house of Jeroboam was completely wiped out, Bashaa was the founder of the next house and his house was completely wiped out. No couple of the house of Bashaa could have said, "There is a prediction that there will be a son of the house of Bashaa made three hundred years ago, let's fulfill it by naming our son Josiah." That house was completely wiped out. Then they were succeeded by the house of Omri which reigned through four generations and it also was completely wiped out and it was succeeded by the house of Jehu and it reigned through five generations and then that also was a ruined house, it came to an end, so we have all these different dynasties in the northern kingdom but in the southern kingdom the house of David through all that long period continued and the kingship and so when the prophet said, "There will be a son born to the house of David, Josiah by name," and three hundred years later we find that the northern kingdom has had all these upsets and all these changes of dynasties but the southern kingdom still has the same family reigning as reigned when the prophet made the pre-