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diction, that is an element which Josiah couldn't have intentionally brought to pass and which human beings couldn't have worked out. There is a vision of the future which/ ^{definitely} authenticated the prophet as one who spoke from God and showed that God knew what was going to happen. So the fact that the name Josiah is to be given to a man of the house of David who will be ruler is an element which involved a knowledge of the future which couldn't have been worked out by human beings simply desiring to fulfill the prediction. Then there is a third element in it. When he made this prediction, Jeremiah must have thought, "What a crazy thing to suggest. A man from the house of David is going to come up here and going to destroy the altars." Now let us suppose that you were down in, say you were in one of our southern states and let us suppose that you were having a big celebration, laying a corner stone for a great building down there and supposing that a Mexican would come across the border and come up some distance into the United States and come up to the laying of that corner stone and he would say, "I want to tell you something that is going to happen. There is going to be a president of Mexico who is going to send an army that's going to come up here and is going to blow up this building that you are about to build and is going to put an utter end to the things that you are doing." What do you think the attitude of the Americans would be toward the Mexican who made that prediction? They'd think he was a bit crazy, wouldn't they? But on the other hand, supposing that just south of the border somewhere in Mexico they were building a building and that an American should come down there and he would say, "Do you know what one of our American presidents is going to do? He's going to send an army down here and they are going to blow up this building," the Mexicans would say, "Well we'd better watch out for those war mongers north of the border there." They would say, "We've got to watch out and we've got to appeal to the United Nations that such things should not be permitted," because they would know that it would be a comparatively easy thing for the United States to send an army down there to wreck most anything in Mexico since the United States has several times as many people and many times as much wealth and power as Mexico has, to say nothing of a far larger territory. It would not be at all ridiculous for somebody from the United States to make such a threat against something in Mexico while it would be very ridiculous for one of them to make it against us. Well now, in this situation you have the little kingdom of Judah with one tribe and part of another, you have the big kingdom of Israel with ten tribes,