

## Prophets 7.

including all the northern two-thirds of Canaan and all of Trans-jordan and you have a man from the southern kingdom coming up there and in this cocky way making this statement, "One of our kings is going to come up here and going to do this thing." Well, they would just laugh at it. It's perfectly silly. "You simply don't have the power to do it." It's the situation when any small country makes a threat against a big country. It's very different from when a big country makes a threat against a little country, and so the fact that this prophet would say that a king of the house of David was going to come right into the land of Israel and wreck these altars was a statement which took a divine knowledge and and it would be possible that Josiah would do it. Some president of Mexico today might say, "I'd like to blow up the statue of liberty in New York harbor. I'd like to do it," but he'd go a long way before he could get it done, but if a president of the United States were to say, "I want to blow up the capital of Mexico" and were an unscrupulous man determined to do it, under our constitution he would probably be punished afterwards for doing it but he could send a force down there and do it before they caught up with him. He would have the power. It's unlikely that he would get elected president if he were that sort of a man but he certainly would have the power to do it if he was that sort of a man. And so here, the third element in this prediction that the kingdom of Israel was conquered by Assyria, a great, powerful, conquering nation that wasn't even heard of by the people of Palestine in the time of Jeroboam, that this kingdom of Assyria should conquer this great northern kingdom and leave it in such a condition that a king of Judah could walk right in there and reap such destruction on it was a thing which would take a divine source to predict. Supposing that ten years ago somebody from Poland were to say, were to point to a big city in the eastern part of Germany and were to say, "We're going to go in there and we're going to drive all of the Germans out of that <sup>city</sup> /and we're going to take everything in it and do like we feel like doing." Ten years ago a German man who heard that statement would say, "How perfectly preposterous. Why the Poles couldn't think of doing ~~that~~ / It would be utterly impossible." In fact the Germans conquered Poland inside of six weeks when the war began. It would be a preposterous thing for a Pole to say but of course the way history has developed the Russians and the Americans and the British and the other nations of the world together have leveled Germany to the ground and Poland has actually done that. They have gone in and have taken