

Prophets 19

and not to reach for the hot poker, to make simple choices, before it is old enough to refuse the evil and choose the helpful, "the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings." A wonderful, immediate promise dealing with the people of that time, interesting for us today as showing God's care for His own,

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In several past classes we have had those who have tried to prove later on in the year that this verse is of great importance in connection with the life of the Lord Jesus Christ, but I've never heard anybody give anything at all reasonable. People have proceeded from the assumption this must be related to Christ, therefore let's see how it can be, and they try to find how it can be but I've never heard an explanation which sounded to me the least bit reasonable that proved that Verse 16 had anything whatever to do with the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a specific, immediate prediction to the people there at that time that before a child to be born in the near future shall reach the age of being able to make simple choices between what is helpful and what is harmful, the king of Israel and the king of Syria whom they feared would be gone, and we know that in the next two or three years the king of Israel was killed and the king of Syria was killed and the Assyrian empire took over the Syrian empire and kingdom and placed a puppet ruler on the throne of Israel. That happened in two or three years, the prediction was literally, specifically, completely fulfilled. It ended and has no further prediction of anything to happen in the life of Christ or at any later date. It is a specific prediction of one event which occurred. But if you look two verses earlier you read "the Lord Himself shall give you a sign, behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and thou shalt call His name Immanuel" and many a person has tried to prove that this was fulfilled in the time of Isaiah, and there is absolutely no historical evidence of anything whatever in the time of Isaiah which can be considered to be a fulfillment of this prediction. It is a prediction of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, the virgin birth of Jesus Christ seven hundred years later and