

For today we had Chapters 32-35. Then we have also certain sections in connection with the Book of Isaiah. I'll look at the charts later unless there is some particular question you want to ask about the material in Jeremiah today but regarding the material in the Book of Isaiah I'd like to ask about the assignment as to the mention of Assyria in Isaiah. Where did you find most of the references to Assyria, Mr.---? (Students answers) Chapters 7-38. About how many did you find there? (Student) About eleven references there, did you find any after that? Did anybody find any after that? Mr.-----? (Discussion with students) Well, at any rate, we have one reference only from Chapter 40 on and we have about ten references before that. Now that is very interesting. If the Book of Isaiah were all of it written in the time when the Assyrians were the great enemies then you would expect to find references to Assyria more or less broadcast throughout the book, wouldn't you? And you find ten references in the early section and only one in the last part but you do find one. Well now what about this one? Does this one show an attitude toward Assyria as the great enemy? Mr.---what does it show? It speaks of it as in the past, doesn't it? As if you were referring to some past event. If you were to find a statement describing urging the American people to unite all their forces in order to resist British oppression you would say "That probably was written during the Revolutionary war or the war of 1812". You would think it hardly likely that it was written during this last war, but if you found a statement: "We fought against the British. We have fought against the British", that could be said at any time, couldn't it? So this one reference here does not show anything of a contemporary historic background. It is merely looking to the past, and most of our references to Assyria are in the early part of the book. Now how about references to Babylon or Babylonians and Chaldeans, Mr. -----? What did you find in this line? (Student answers) You didn't find anything. Mr. ----- what did you find? (Student answers) You have frequent references. Yes.

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Don't you?

And in the early part of the book you have only two or three chapters which seem to deal with Babylon. Now this alone doesn't bring out the difference so clearly but