

never ruled over, and they aren't His people at all. Now I have never - I have not read many commentaries. I've done most of my study with the original and with concordances, rather than with commentaries. But in the Commentaries I have looked into, I have never come across, that this prayer here, is a prayer which is given as a sample of the attitude of the people rather than that it is God - than that it is an expression of a Holy prayer. I've never run across that idea, but it seems to me that it is at least worthy of consideration, ~~because~~ because it is quite different from what we find in Deuteronomy, if you will turn from your sin, and repent, and pray God to forgive you, I don't find in this verse at all. And then you notice that - the question in my mind is - Is this a prayer of the penitent for his relation, or is this a prayer of the nation as a whole? With the ungodly elements predominating? Which are looking to God - they're His people and He must bless them. They are coming on a false basis. They are coming on the basis, you never ruled over them. Or we've become like people you've never ruled over. Why should you treat us like that? We are the people that God loves. So consequently that which follows is followed is exactly what is discussed. That God is dealing with his prayers and dealing with the Spirit and attitude of his prayer which reflects the spirit and attitude of the nation. It seems to me that makes a big difference in thought. You don't have them giving a wonderful point in prayer that you would think that He couldn't help, but give them a wonderful answer, and instead of that He gives them an answer of destruction, and we have to say to that, well, he recognizes that there are a lot of people who don't deserve this. Or does he take the prayer as showing the attitude of the people as whole, and God says, well, here's what I'm going to say to you, and he proceeds to give them a rebuke which He finds merited in the prayer, and then to follow that with the definite answer to the prayer. To give them the assurance the prayer will be fulfilled. eventually, because of His grace alone, but that first, there is punishment for them, and for a large portion of the nation, because they ~~have~~ are coming to Him in the wrong attitude. And if that be the case, ~~then~~ then we may find some specific relationship between what follows, and the prayer before.

Now I would suggest that in preparation for Tuesday or for Wednesday or for the following meeting after that, but anyway as soon as you can, I would suggest that you look