

great number of people present whose moral was vital and Isaiah first gave these wonderful promises of hope and gained the attention of the people and then having gained a respectful attention from the people, he goes into this blast of denunciation of Ahaz and Ahaz is not in a position to shut him ~~out~~ off. ~~9/6/21~~

So this message is given out there and on that very place where Isaiah gave this message of denunciation of Ahaz, at that very place, in the next reign, the reign of Ahaz's son, you find that the king of Assyria, who Ahaz thought he was getting as a protector, sends his representatives to stand there and call on the people to surrender Hezekiah, Ahaz's son, to him in order that he may take over the land and completely destroy everyone ^{remnant} of the house of David. That is, of course, the passage which you prepared for work last week. So it is again important to know the history of the reign of Ahaz because without it chapter 7 here just makes no sense. You can't understand the situation, what is presented in chapter 7 or in chapter 28, but with the understanding of the background of the reign of Ahaz most of the verses in the chapter become entirely clear which would be otherwise utterly obscure. The only thing in the chapter there which does not become entirely clear then is the declaration of rebuke to Ahaz that he will be replaced by one who will be a true representative of God at the head of the house of David. That is only given in brief suggestion, just touched upon in such a way that at a later time comparing it with other ~~MESS~~ Messianic prophecies it is clear to see what it means but at that time you just get the thought that there is going to a wonderful birth. God is going to replace Ahaz on the throne by one who is supernaturally born and one who will indeed be God with us, a very different one from Ahaz. When it will be we are not told, but in the next two verses we are told that if this were to be born right now, if that were the case, within the course of these very few years--two or three or four years--the present menace would be gone. Now the exact problem of the