

that this had been a true prophet but there is no special help to them right there. Yes.

(Student). Verse 3, you do have a ~~sign~~ prediction given as a sign that he was a true prophet, so the purpose of the prediction in verse 3, is exactly what I've now been asking, but it is not the purpose of the prediction in verse 2. So these 2 predictions have different purposes. Verse 2, you might say, assures people in later times. Verse 3, assures people here. Now just a few words more on verse 2. Do you think in verse 2 that there is any further purpose in connection with this pronouncing God's judgment upon them? Do you think there is a further purpose to it than what is already mentioned? What does this mean, there will be a son born to the house of David, Josiah by name? Suppose he said, there will be a child born to the house of Jeroboam. Josiah by name. What happened to the house of Jeroboam? Jeroboam's son was killed and all ~~of~~ his house was destroyed. There could be no son born to the house of Jeroboam, until Josiah came. It was very long after this. It couldn't be. And certainly none that could be come ~~his~~. ~~But~~ the house of David continues, and what house succeeded the house of Jeroboam? Baasha. He killed the son of Jeroboam. He killed Nadab the son of Jeroboam. He became king, and could it be the son of Baasha? How many kings were there in the line of King Baasha? He had one son. Elah. But Elah was murdered. And who murdered Elah? And how long did ~~Zimri~~ ^{Tibni} Zimri reign? 7 days. So he did not found a dynasty. And then ~~Zimri~~ and Omri fought and Omri won, and Omri set up a dynasty. And how long did the dynasty of Omri last? The dynasty of Omri lasted through how many centuries? It lasted for 4 kings. There were 4 kings. It lasted for nearly a century. There were 4 kings of the house of Omri. But then the 4th king of the dynasty was killed. And Jehu killed him, and Jehu set up a dynasty and how many ~~in~~ years did Jehu's sons reign? 5 people. There were 5 kings there that ~~re~~ reigned of the house of Jehu. And then after that there were several separate kings. Only one of them had sons that reigned. You have this succession of different dynasties ~~in~~ in the kingdom of Israel, and all this time the House of David continued to reign in Judah. And people in Israel and people in Judah during these 300 years, year after year, could say, look at what happened to Israel. The dynasty has been cut off. A new one has been established. It has lasted quite a while. It ~~is~~ cut off. Another one was established, but in Judah the House of