

should think it would be very strange if there were not. They certainly, they were faced with a tough situation, what are they going to do, and here was Isaiah's voice, Jeremiah's voice, trust the Lord, put your trust in Him in this situation, and don't get into a close alliance with any ungodly nation, but the chances are that most of the nobles, the advisers, were looking for a human way out, and if you get a book like Umstead's History of Palestine and Syria, or these other books, in which they take the facts we know from the Bible, the facts we know from archeology, and then they add a lot from their imagination, trying to give us a full history, they will tell you about the parties, how the prophets stood with this party, in this case he was right, in this he was wrong, and so on. But that's most of it their imagination, but of the fact of their being such parties, it seems so probable, that I'm not saying you can't find evidence in Scripture, I just don't know. But it seems so probable, I would think it very strange if it were not so. And I'm sure that people thought of Jeremiah as a traitor, they thought of him as a pro-Babylonian in the situation, because he told them to surrender to the Babylonians, he says God has turned you over to the Babylonians, surrender to them, Zedekiah asked Jeremiah, what shall I do, Jeremiah said, go up and surrender to them. He says if you surrender to the Babylonians the city will be destroyed but your life will be spared, but he said, if you don't surrender, he said the city is going to be destroyed, and you're going to be injured too, and of course they did torture Zedekiah, when they did take it. And then, you remember, that they picked up, gathered together great multitudes of people to carry off into captivity, and they had Jeremiah clear up in the north of Palestine, when one of the Babylonian officers came across him, and said, this is the man who has been talking on our side, so Nebuchadnezzar gave orders that Jeremiah was to be freed, and to be told that he could go with the captives to Babylon, or he could return to Palestine and stay there. He was given his choice, so they considered an ally. And it isn't-- (stu) To the ungodly? Yes, that wouldn't mean that it was at all against the Lord's will for people to work together