

with those of similar mind, similar outlook, but to work with the enemies of God against other enemies, that's the thing he didn't want. (stu.) / Well, actually, being just the northern, southern kingdoms, would be all. Well, actually, being the only nation, the one nation where God was trying to keep alive the memory of the Lord, prepare the way for coming of Christ, they were unique, and under those circumstances, the only way they could remain true to Him, was through His marvelous providential care anyway, and he says to them, now you be absolutely true to me, and trust me, and in quietness and in confidence will be your strength, and I will take care of you and nothing will happen to you except it is my will. But that seemed pretty vague and distant, and they thought they saw an easy way of protection. Well, you take even Asa, one of the godliest of the kings, remember what he did, when the northern kingdom came against them, and attacked the southern kingdom, and Asa was in fear, he sent to the king of Syria, Ben-hadad, the son of Tabrimon, king of ~~the~~ Syria and he said to him, he said, if you come and deliver me from them, so he attacked the northern kingdom, and that freed the southern kingdom, and Asa was one of the best kings, But God rebuked him, because in his last days he had gout in his feet and he looked to the physician instead of the Lord to help. Of course the physician didn't know much in those days, certainly weren't much worth looking to. But the Lord rebuked him for that, but he did--it's a very easy thing to fall into, the thought that you could work it that way. (stu) Now that's a very good suggestion. I have right here the vassal creed of Essarhadon. In the Assyrian, there's the cuneiform text and there is a transliteration of the Assyrian in Latin letters, and there is a translation into English, and these treaties are between King Essarhaddon of Assyria, and a group of people in the area where Persia is now, in that region, and Essarhaddon calls upon these different people, he names them all, and then he calls upon the gods of Assyria, and the gods of their country to send them pestilence, famine, torture, misery, and make their children all monsters, and their grandchildren die of hunger, of thirst, and he goes on page after page of the terrible things, that he calls on the gods of both nations to