

that is right there -- may not actually be right there. It may not actually be after that and that or that. It may not be chronologically arranged. So, the intended time of fulfillment may not be known to me. Maybe it is intended for the millenium or the U. N. Maybe it is well beyond and I don't know about it. Maybe instead of saying Russia, he says Assyria. \_\_\_\_\_ So, that's a limiting factor. Bear that in mind.

I mention a third one on the next page. Lack of understanding was predictable. Nobody really believes that they don't understand what is predicted. Most Protestant students -- they read the thing and they could write a commentary on it. ~~It~~We used to say that nobody comes to Seminary to study Theology, but a lot of guys come to teach it! But in this particular case, sometimes we don't understand what is predicted. I will show you a passage or two in Isaiah where I frankly don't understand what is predicted. In spite of reading many commentaries and listening to many lectures, I don't understand what is predicted. If you don't understand every verse, it is a bad sign, but there are some which just go beyond us. And then lastly, an improper interpretation of language of prophecy. The prophets use speech figures so that the prophet Jeremiah talks about the Lord, and the people of Israel being returned, and David their king at the head of them -- I don't see personally -- just to be nasty about it -- I don't think for a minute that he means literal David resurrecting from the dead. I mean I think he is referring to Christ Who is David's Seed, the Holder of David's throne. But I don't split churches over that! I just feel that rather keenly for myself. But since we often don't agree on the type of language used, why we run into these circumstances where we may not be sure what the prediction is. So, I press ahead. Stop me if you will, but don't die.

I press ahead to mention ~~that~~ some of the unfulfilled predictions and to press on to those things. I try to isolate here the area of the search. You might wonder why that is necessary, and right now looking at it I wonder why it is necessary too! But I wanted you to see rather clearly what we are talking about. I can't get that out of my craw! We are not talking about the fact that the prophet Amos said to Ahaziah: You will die in Assyria if you don't see it. We are not discussing those things which are more matters of history than prophecy. We are talking about things in which seemingly specific predictions are given. The time is past and we see no fulfillment of these things. Now the place where we are most likely to see those things