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"The problem with the man writing in Longe's commentary, he said, is that he is busy telling the prophet what he should have said, rather than talking about what the prophet has already said. We are not interested in that," Young says. 'What we are interested in is knowing what the prophet said -- not criticizing him for saying that particular thing." And that's the way we are too. So, I would like to go back and say, Well, Isaiah, two more verses on these 40 years would help a lot. Will it be when Roosevelt is president? Can you give us a little clue about the thing? But I'm not -- I don't have that privilege or that benefit. I have to take it for what it is, and work without it there. Okay.

Now, my next section offers my conclusionary type notes. My conclusionary type notes on the unfulfilled predictions of the sort which we have been discussing. Well. there are two or three giant pinnacles in Scripture, and I suggest that all predictions should be reviewed in relation to the total predictive history. The Total predictive history! That's easy to over simplify, Friends. It's easy to oversimplify. Well. it's not easy to oversimplify friends, but Friends, it's easy to oversimplify! Yeah. But see, the total predictive history from Genesis 3 is pointed in the direction of the coming of the Redeemer. You don't doubt that, do you? The total predictive history is pointed in the direction of the coming of the Redeemer and the bruising of the head of the Sterpent -- the total prediction. That starts with the words given to Adam and Eve, and the predictions prophesied through Enoch, of which we know very little except the N. T. references, but the boint of the prediction is that thing. Now along the way to that point, there are several other things -- along the way to that point there are several other things. In the history of Israel, for example, a focal point of the prediction is when they will come into the land. You build up for that. And then in the land they fall into a disaster and so you have a prediction, a focal point in the Babylonian captivity. And then you have a prediction focal point in their restoration back to the land again. But all of these prophecies -- the blessings to Abraham, the land, the Babylonian captivity, the restoration -- all of these prophecies are merely en route to the capstone of the N. T. prophetic picture -- the coming of the Messiah -- at least that is what I am presenting. I couldn't argue it right now. I think it would be a long afternoon. But that is the thrust of it. But that is the cap stone. The Messiah comes to fulfill God's work in accord with the covenanted grace of God, and and the second cap stone is that -- how shall we call it -- the wrapping up or the consumation of all events -- the consummation of the