

ages. I like to refer to it as the Second Advent, and the things that are associated with it whatever they happen to be. But en route to that Second Advent there is a prediction of the apostasy and the troubles in the church. There are predictions of trials and difficulties with Israel and two or three other things, too. But, what I am really saying by these two points is: That the heart of the predictive message in the O. T. and the N. T., the heart of the Biblical predictive message, is a redemptive matter -- ~~centered~~ ^{centered} in Christ -- First Coming centered in Christ -- Second Coming -- the achievement of the work of Redemption -- the achievement of the work of wrapping the ages together. Now a lot of things are involved here, ~~a~~ ^{lots of} specifics there; there are a lot of specifics there. But they are the two great pinnacle ^{points} which almost any first year Bible student knows. They are the two great pinnacle points of the predictive message. Consequently, it is my feeling that all other ~~predictive~~ ^{predictive} sections -- I will just emphasize ^{that} or try to illustrate it in a minute- but that ~~all~~ ^{all} other predictive sections are ~~underneath~~ ^{underneath} them as they contribute to that particular rise. Ah, there is a fascinating one in the Book of Kings, a fascinating one in the Book of Kings. Hazeel is the general of Ben - what's his name? Benhadad in ~~Northern~~ Syria. Hazeel was Benhadad's general. Benhadad was sick. He has been eating collard greens and they have not agreed with his intestinal fortitude. So, Benhadad is sick. Of course, all of ~~us~~ ^{that} really know what collard greens are know that they can make you rich in blood -- muscular and all the rest of that stuff-if you can get them down! ^{ah yes, well} Anyhow, anyhow, they are really quite good as long as the _____ But anyhow, Hazeel was the general in Benhadad's territory. Benhadad ^{is sick}. Hazeel goes to see ~~Elisha~~ Elisha. He says to Elisha, ^{As says,} Will my master recover? And Elisha says, You go back and tell him he will recover, but God has really shown me that he will die. And then the prophet begins to weep, and Hazeel ^{would} says, Well, why are you crying? You know, Why ~~the~~ ^{would} the death of an Assyrian king make you cry? And Elisha says, Because the Lord has also shown me what you will do to the children of Israel, in the years to come. And Hazeel said, Do you think that I am a dog, that I would treat your people that way? And Elisha says, "Well, the Lord has shown me that you will be king of Assyria." Well, that's the end as far as we know. He goes back to Benhadad and Benhadad is lying in bed sick and he says, What did ~~Elisha~~ ^{Elisha} say? And ~~Hazeel~~ Hazeel ^{says} ~~said~~, He told me that you would recover. Whereupon he ^{immediately} ~~put~~ a big pillow over his ^{face}