

wickedness, for instance. It doesn't mean corruption or immorality. It means something harmful, something destructive, evil in the physical sense. Out of the north evil will ~~xxx~~ break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land, for lo I will call all the families to the ~~xxxx~~ kingdom of the ~~xxxxxxx~~ north. And we know that the kingdom of the north ~~xxxxxxx~~ means the kingdom from which they would come by coming from the north. But they come from those kingdoms, they go north and then across west and then south. So they are coming from the north into the land of Judah. They do not come from ^a place that is north of Judah on the globe. They didn't have globes. They come to a place from the latter part of their journey, although the essential part of it was from the north. So they speak of them as the families of the north. The families that will come from that direction to Judah. Not the families that lived in a ~~xxxxxxx~~ place which is specifically in that direction.

Now these people, then, he says, will put up their thrones, their seats, their thrones of judgment, at the entry of the gates of Jerusalem, again all the laws there are round about. And we note the specific precise fulfillment of this prediction made to Jer. A ~~xxx~~ literal unconditional ~~xxxx~~ prediction which was exactly fulfilled, but fulfilled many years after Jer. was given it. Perhaps thirty or forty years, at least twenty. And then he said in verse 16, and I will utter my judgment against them touching all their wickedness who have forsaken me. Now this uttering his judgment against the people, of course, does not mean when the people come from the north, it means that he is going to give it in the near future to Jer. in preparing for this thing he has predicted. From the north, this judgment of God upon the sins of the ~~xxxxxx~~ people. Then he continues in verse 17. Command to Jer. to be a prophet, a mouthpiece for God. What does the word "lest" mean here. Does it mean..... (8½) Is that what it means? Do not be dismayed at their faces. Or does it not mean, do not be dismayed at their faces for fear that I will confound thee. Do not this lest I confound thee, in this case, means this is the thing which would lead him to be afraid, in front of them, would be to fear that God would not hold ~~xx~~ him ~~xx~~ safely from them. Don't be ~~xxxxxx~~ dismayed at their