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 King James. I don't know, but I'm sure this doesn't mean advertising in anything
 like our modern sense. He means I will now make it absolutely clear. Not merely how
 God is going to protect these people but what they are actually going to do to your
 people, and in the latter days (it is the acharith, again. I think it should be after
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~~the~~ time, in the time that comes later on. In the later time I'm going to tell you
 what they are going to do to your people. Then he says, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, the
 man whose eyes are open hath said, (reading 24:15-19). Those are beautiful words and
 I've heard them read at Christmas time. When I was teaching at another seminary, I
 remember one of the leaders in the seminary read them as a Christmas passage at
 Christmas time and I did not raise an objection. I did not feel it was necessary or
 was my duty to do. He was a Prof. of Systematic Theology, and he probably hadn't
 studied the OT as much as I had, but I did think he set a bad example there of in-
 terpretation of the OT. What is being said here? He said, I will advertise thee what
 this people shall do to thy people in the later days. There shall come a star out
 of Jacob, and a Scepter shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of
 Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth and Edom shall be a possession..... Out
 of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion..... Centuries later David rose
 out of Israel, fought against these nations, conquered them, made them subject to him,
 entirely fulfilled what is described in this passage. Now of course Jesus Christ is
 the great king, the great ruler that God has appointed to rule over all the world and
 this is clearly taught in many passages of the Scripture. But we have no right to say
 it is taught in this passage because this is clearly a prediction of David, and of
 course there are similarities between David and Christ but we can not deduce what is
 going to happen about Christ from something that is said about David. So I think it
 is a beautiful section. I think it deserves study. But I don't think we should con-
 sider it as a Christmas passage. It is dealing with a definite specific situation.
 Now there are times when God gives us messages from a verse of Scripture which we
 completely misinterpret. There are times when God stoops to our weakness in that way.
 But I believe we should try to avoid such misinterpretations of Scripture.