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"from the face of" is a very unusual rendering. Now in those days shall his strong cities be^a/forsaken bough and an uppermost branch which they left before the children of Israel, and there shall be desolation. There is no victory there is there? It's all ruin and desolation. In front of the children of Israel where they have their beautiful cities and all that, now there is just desolation, just like an upper branch, just left in ruins, like a tree that has been burned and you just see it standing there and .

Because of, I don't know the King James authors often have a good meaning when they make a rendering that departs from common usage, but I don't see what it is in this particular case. It certainly is an unusual translation for " ". The Revised Version translates this particular word more literally, "before". Which were forsaken from before the children of Israel, and it shall be a desolation. That is certainly what the word normally means. The Authorized is quite strange in that case. Now that is a very good question. When you say that day, does that always mean the day of the Lord, at the end of the present age? You'll find people who say that it always does. They take it as a technical term. I think that is extremely unlikely. I think "in that day" simply means there is going to be a day, when it will be like this, and it may be the day we have just been speaking of or it may be there is going to be a day of this type. Well now here is what is going to happen. There is going to be a day when these things will happen. There will be a religious revival; there will be a turning to God, but there will be desolation physically and v. 10 surely is telling the cause of it. ~~Why~~ does the desolation come? It is because they have forgotten the God of their salvation and have not been mindful of the rock of their strength. That is why it is going to be. And what about v. 11? Does v. 11 express wonderful glory that is to come in the future? What is the general theme of 11, Mr. Alling? What would you think it refers to? (Student) The children of Israel? That certainly would seem reasonable, but if it is before the