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at the same time trying to raise the morale of the people in order that they will hold back the Syrians and the Ephraemites long enough until T.P. gets there and protects him. So that is Ahaz' purpose, and if he simply takes this man who the people as a whole regard as a divine prophet and tells him to shut up or puts him in prison or something it is going to hurt the morale of the people. So he has/here in a situation where he has to/talk at least a little bit. So that here we find the Lord

Now he tells him very explicitly where he is to go. Now that of course is important then to note where he was to go then ~~tb/~~ that he was at a place that has these advantages. But why should it bother to be preserved in the Scriptures so that we could know the exact spot where he gave him this message? That is very interesting.

If you turn over to....I don't know as I'll take the time to turn to it now. I'll just mention the fact, that if you look at ch. 36 and 37 where you have the account of the King of Assyria's threats against the people, and where he sends his messengers right at the beginning of ch. 36, we read, The K. of Assyria sent his Rab. (that means the cup-bearer, one of his leading officials) from Lachish to Jerus. to K. Hezek. with a grt. army and he stood by the conduit of the upper pool by the highway of the fuller's field. And so 30 yrs. earlier he told Isa. to go and speak at the very place where the K. of Assyria's representative is going to stand 30 yrs. later when he tells the people there is no hope for you, you might as well surrender. When Ahaz is making his clever political scheme to get the K. of Assyria to protect him from Israel and from Syria, God sends Isa. to this spot to give him the message so that 30 yrs. later people will say, Why this is the very place where Isa. warned him that making this arrangement with T.P. wouldn't help any but would put him in dire danger. Here 30 yrs. later that's the spot where you see the clear evidence of the date. So you see there is a definite reason, why we should be given precise detail here of the place where Isa. was to go and speak to Ahaz. People later on looked back and said, O yes that what Isa. said, and that's what the Lord said to Isa. Here we see it. Here we are in this utterly terrible circumstance where the Assyrians are almost certain to take us