

of _____ So, verse 18 mentions those things.

But then verse 19, verse 19 emphasizes the point with regard to the _____

Student: One more question

Is that prophecy in verse 18 just specifically of those 5 cities or is it for the _____

Mr. Taylor: It seems to be for those five cities in verse 18. It seems to be.

Getting at that expression 'in that day' / ^{which} in my mind, you have to be careful with. It seems to go both backwards and forward -- in that day. But in verse 19 -- in that day -- the same expression -- there shall be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, a pillar at the border thereof to the Lord. _____

I will not offer a long comment on. That's pretty emphatic. Now, some have tried to make that the Elaphantine Community and the Jehovah Temple, and they have looked out to see if it could not be that the Nebuchadnezzar stones that marked off Egypt, you know, and gave the Jews certain rights could be that pillar, but whether that can be the case or not, I don't know. But the emphasis is an altar and then in verse 20 it should be -- for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord of Hosts in land of Egypt. ~~which~~, for those of you who are up with the Elphantine Community, the striking thing about ~~them~~ ^{them} is that they soon became apostate ~~apostate~~.

Whatever else their altar was, it was hardly a witness to Jehovah. But whatever the case is, Because of the oppressors, He shall send them a Saviour and ~~an~~ a Great One, and He shall deliver them. That is the Lord delivering the Egyptians, and the Lord shall be known in Egypt and the Egyptians shall know the Lord in that day, and shall do sacrifice and oblation. Yea, they shall vow a vow unto the Lord to perform it. And the Lord shall smite Egypt. He shall smite _____. They shall return even unto the Lord and shall be entreated for them and shall heal them (verse 22 -- you can kind of pause there and catch your breath.)

They have gone through quite a number of things predicted as far as Egypt is concerned, from the five cities, to the altar, to the Lord smiting and their repentance, and the Lord's healing; and then he says, In that day there shall be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrians shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptians