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me like there you have a clear example of what I call here an unfulfilled prediction.

Now, we have all the qualifications I mentioned earlier. We are not as smart as we think we are, etc., but it looks to me like we have a clear example.

I think the same thing about Isaiah 19. I think there also you have a clear example with the five cities, etc., but the difference is that Isaiah 15 just ends with that big tirade, and Israel and Assyria and Egypt are each getting along on a buddy-buddy basis. It ends there, whereas in this chapter, after the writer has gone through the history, he goes back historically to tell us when the prediction was given and principally to what the prediction refers -- principally -- principally, he said, it refers to Nebuchadnezzar being given the nation of Egypt for his hire. Now, verse 21 is a verse I have never really understood. I have mentioned that there are others like that. I have a lot of ideas, and a lot of my students in the seminary feel that the verses I don't understand could be multiplied considerably, but --

In that day will I cause the horn of the House of Israel to bud forth.

(Horn usually speaks symbolically of power.) Will I cause the power, or the root, or the strength of the House of Israel to bud forth, (to show up) and I will give thee-- (you see, I have trouble knowing the antecedent for the "thee"), and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them. (I am not sure of the thees. I am not sure -- I mean I could work on that for a couple hours, but that isn't the purpose of what I am trying to do in this series. Believe it or not) But I am not sure who the thee is and I am not sure who the them is. You may work on that and you may have some suggestions) Now, I am pretty sure I know who the thee is and so maybe the thee and the them are the same thing. I think that is the Egyptians. "But they will know that I am the Lord.

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The they might be Israel, it might be, but that is ______ a person could work with a considerable time on that.

Well, mow look at chapter 30 quickly-- quickly -- you will see another example of the same thing. Early in 30 we are told that the Day of the Lord is near.

(I have a note on that on page 4. Page 4 is always coming later! ______)

Like I said a few moments ago, when he says "in that day," well, don't take

a big jump and say, Well, that has to be the same day the previous verse was.