

It may be technically used. It may be something else. Likewise, the expression "the Day of the Lord" -- I have long been convinced the vast majority of times the "Day of the Lord" is used, it is not used in an eschatological sense, but it is used in a judgmental on somebody that is not all that far away! But you may disagree on that. An eschatological sense means "in the end time." I have long been convinced that the majority of times when the expression the "Day of the Lord" is used in the Old Testament, it refers to the jumping that somebody is going to get <sup>in a</sup> rather soon period of time. Hence the "Day of the Lord" is the Day when God visits them in anger, but that is a horse of other feathers later on. Now what the writer says here (you know I have a lot of these expressions that don't mean a thing, like a horse with other feathers, but when ~~people~~ people are transcribing tapes, they really think that we have "blown it". (Laughter) And when you read it, you think that you have "blown it" too. Well, he says, the Day of the Lord is at hand. A great day of judgment on \_\_\_\_\_ and then there is a whole \_\_\_\_\_, Ethiopia, Egypt, Libia, Lydia, Chub -- you can have some fun to determine where Chub is, is you ever want \_\_\_\_\_ meritorious study! There are a lot of interesting suggestions on that.

And the men of the land that is in the league shall fall with them by the sword.

A whole group of nations together -- Check -- a whole group of nations together are being judged here. It is not just Egypt. It is Egypt, Ethiopia, Libia, Lydia, Chub, and the men of the land that is in league -- the whole bunch of the children of any given land as they \_\_\_\_\_ -- they will all fall by the sword.

From the North to South they shall fall by the sword. They shall be a \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of the countries. Her cities shall be in the midst and they shall know that I am the Lord, and I have set a fire in Egypt, and that all her helpers shall be destroyed. Verse 8, see, goes far beyond Egypt, friends. I think we are safe to apply that to the whole of the league -- the whole of the league -- Lydia, Chub and the countries round about. The whole of the league. In verse 9 "In that day shall messengers come forth from Me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid. And great foam shall come upon them as in the day of Egypt, for lo He cometh.

Well, the thoughts that come from a verse like that are things that you wonder about. Shall messengers go forth from Me in ships? That seems to be in boats, in barques. That seems to be amazingly <sup>specific</sup> simple. That seems to be one of those pointed