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Sixty-five years. Well, you see, if you live next to a fellow who hates you and you are always afraid he is going to shoot you some night, and somebody -- a prophet comes by and he says: In sixty-five years we won't even be able to pick up a gun! (Laughter) That really is not doing you a lot of good right now. I hate to tell you. He might shoot you first. It really doesn't do you much good right now, but he doesn't say that their plan won't work in sixty-five years. (Now, the glass is always falling out of the windows. You just kind of have to live with it. As long as your head is not under it! When they built this school, they used what they called in those days "Cellophane Glass." That's about how thick it is and golf balls knock it out, but it also cracks with wear and tear. There is no ________So, you have just heard a piece fall out of the back, and having heard it, you will know water perfect intelligence -- I knew what it was. You won't have to worry about it. Just don't sit under the window! That's all.!)

And so, he says, first, he says, Their plan won't come to pass. That's the immediate thing; within sixty-five years there won't even be a kingdom. Now, that has a definition of time, meaning that any time within sixty-five years within sixty-five years. The Ephraimite people might lose their establishment as an ethnic society. It might be within sixty - twenty-five years; it might be in forty years; it might be within sixty - (he actually says three score and five) but it might be within (oh, well, be absurd) -- within sixty-four years and ten months, and because the prophets often use the year they speak of, it would be within sixty-five years and ten months. But it would sixty-five years as an Ethnic society Ephraim will be no more. The condition of time there is that he puts a terminus ad quem. Yes - on the thing, and beyond that he can't -- but up to that -- if anybody had said: In forty-five years there is still a -- the Ephraimites are still a people. No problem to the prophet because there are -- But the third thing he predicts is that a Redeemer will come -- that virgin will conceive and bear a son. The virgin will be pregnant and bear a son. No time limit is suggested for that particular thing. So, that technically speaking, now get this -