

in the morning and I immediately (I start about the 21st of February) -- I start saying, "Happy Birthday!". I sing it when I jump out. I am up very early in the morning. I am usually up long ahead of my wife, so that I can greet her with a cheerful smile; and so for about ten days I say, "Happy Birthday" each day. That way I don't miss it! (Laugh) And she gets a little miffed, but I don't miss it.  
. . . . . if I miss it . . . . . Better to be wrong on the right side than right on the wrong -- well, something like that whatever the case is. Figure that out for yourself.

So, what I am merely saying is that the unfulfilled predictions with regard to Egypt and Assyria and Tyre, are probably a part of this overall program of God in bringing Redemptive purpose to the world about us. What that part is I may not know yet. So, I shouldn't be too quick to say they haven't been fulfilled, and can't be fulfilled. I might say they haven't been fulfilled because I think they are eschatological, or that they have been fulfilled when I don't know about it, or there is some implied condition that has been met with which I am also not aware, but if I concentrate on the aspects of blessing taught through them, and the Redemptive elements in them, then I will see the overall purpose of God working that way. I am not really bothered by the fact that Assyria is used -- some of you, I think, suggested this yesterday -- the fact that the word "Assyria" is used doesn't really bother me because it can be, along with Egypt, the name of the place, the name of the people -- and you never know -- 50 years ago there was no Israelitish state either and the term Israele was very, very, very poorly used -- very rarely used. Today there is. It might be that in the next few years Ibensad will decide to change the whole name of Saudi Arabia to Assyria. You don't know. It doesn't sound likely, but you never know for sure. I mean somebody might give him more oil royalties for doing it. You just don't know. It is hard to tell. Whole territory -- there might be a great league of Arab states and they will want a new name. And somebody will say, Well, the fellows that really pasted the Israelites in years past were the Assyrians." And it may be that they will all stand up and say, Ha! Call it Assyria! You just don't know. You don't know how those things will go, although that sounds, I'll admit, a little unlikely. I am not predicting that. I am just saying, You don't know how those things will go.

Now on Page 4 -- I will not touch on these, I think. But I mentioned -- well, you see, if I were not going to touch on them, I would not mention they were there! But on Page 4 I offer just a few observations on the other type of unfulfilled predictions.