

And then we have the picture of them trying to make that long trip across the desert, and fainting at the thought of the terrific effort to get all this way back home. He gives power to the faith. To them that have not might, he increases strength. "Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; ~~they shall~~..." God will give them power. "They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." It is not only that, but power for the long steady distant...10.... where they have to walk and walk and walk before they reach their destination.

This chapter then is a prelude in which these themes are touched upon, and the themes touched upon affect the immediate ~~sxx~~ situation, but10¹.....for the introduction of the whole thing, and look down beyond the exile, the physical situation and misery, to that which causes the misery, the sin question, and God's solution of the sin question. And back here in these first verses where he is speaking, it would seem possibly to fit with the return from exile. It would also fit with the deliverance from the sin question, and if you want to say it is10¹..... and these verses here are on John the Baptist, and just on that, and nothing else, well maybe that's the ϕ correct interpretation. It certainly is far better to say that, than to run the risk of a method of interpretation which might lead you to finding two or three different, unrelated things talked of in one specific prediction, so if some of you ~~like~~ like it better that way, why I will not raise any objection to it ~~at~~ all, it ~~may~~ may be so.

Well, now the next one, though, ch.41, starts the main section. As we start the main section, we are still dealing with these great themes, but before long we have a new thing introduced. We ~~have~~ have a phrase introduced, the servant of the Lord, and if this was a week or two ago, instead of now, I would give you an assignment. God on through from ch.41-55, and everywhere you find the word the servant of the Lord, or my servant, say from the context, who is the servant? Who is he talking about? And give us an answer to it. Now, if you would prefer not to do it by looking at the Scriptures you can take