

a wonderful commentary like Delitzsch and find an answer to the problem, which I don't think ...ll 3/4... this problem at all. And so I don't recommend it. But, I think the best way is to look at the instances, and see what answer we find. And I believe we will see a real problem there. There will be a real difficulty, and then we will look a little closer to see the answer to the difficulty, and I think as we study through, it is dramatic how the answer is brought out, suggested here, suggested there, suggested a little more, and then clearly brought out, until it pops right out and stares you in the face, a wonderful answer to this question, who is the servant of the Lord? Well, that is introduced already in this 41st chapter, and it is very interesting what is said about it. And we will be much interested to see what is meant by the servant of the Lord. But it is brought out incidentally in the midst of the discussion of these themes. And it is touched on, and then later touched on a little more, and then finally it comes to be such an important theme, that it becomes our big consideration before very long. Well, now we start in here <sup>41.</sup> in chapter 41, and here we have God, facing the islands. We have him facing the heathen nations. And declaring to the Israelites that He is the God, the Creator of the Universe, and that they can safely trust Him. That thought they have gone into exile, though their kingdom is destroyed, their cities have perished, their ~~temple has gone into ashes~~ temple has gone into ashes, the God to whom these things were dedicated is still the creator of the universe, not only far superior to the idols, but the idols don't even exist, as anything but merely the work of man's hands. And so he talks and he speaks to them, and God says, "Keep silence before me O islands; and let the people renew their strength..." This word islands is better translated coastlands. It includes islands. It also includes the coastlands anywhere, where it is on the shore of the sea. "Keep silence before me, O coastlands." It is very often used of Greece, and the islands of Greece, but any coastlands may be ...14..., and let the people renew their strength. Let them come war. Let them see. Let them come together to judgment. And now God <sup>gives</sup> ~~is~~ a great claim for Himself.

"Who raise up the righteous man from the east? and called him to his foot, and