

and create darkness, .I make peace and create evil." He of course here doesn't mean that he is the author of evil in the moral ~~thin~~ sense. The word evil here is the Hebrew word wrath which always means physical evil. It is destructive power. God may have constructive power, and destructive power. Now that he is the ~~author~~ author of evil in a moral sense, but evil in a physical sense. God can build up, and God can tear down. "It/the Lord do all these things. v.8, comfort, deliverance, stress on omnipotence. v.9, omnipotence, "Shall the clay say to him that fashioned it, What makest thou?..." v.10, the same theme, the futility of looking up to the mighty God, and criticizing what He does. /Omniscience, in v.11, "Thus saith the Lord, ask me of things to come...." v.12, Omnipotence, "I have made the earth, and created man upon it, I, even my hands have stretched out the heavens..." v.13 His omnipotence shown in the deliverance that He is going to bring, through bringing Cyrus. "I will raise him up in righteousness, I will direct all his way....Varily thou art a God what hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour..." Now, the futility of idols. "Thy shall be shamed, and also confounded...But Israel shall be saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation." v.18, omnipotence, again. "Thus says the Lord that created the heavens..." Creation is far more in these chapters than anywhere else, except the last chapters of Job. "God himself has formed the earth and created it. Not in vain he formed it to be inhabited...I declare things that are right." Now he calls on the ~~of~~ idols to come together, and to show how futile they are. "Asssemble yourselves and come near together...they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image..." Omniscience, "Tell ye, and bring them near...have not I the Lord, and no God else beside me." God's redemptive power, God's deliverance. "I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness...In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified and shall glory." And then ~~chapter~~ chapter 46 starts out again dealing with God's promised deliverance ~~for~~ for Israel from Babylon. The idols of Babylon, Bel and Nebo stooping down, being overcome, they could not deliver the burdens of themselves, they are going to go into captivity. "Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob..." God's deliverance,