

...are not obvious at first sight, but you study into them, and in any particular one you may not see the answer for a long time, ~~nk~~ but as you ~~knex~~ look  $\frac{1}{2}$  at other cases and compare it with other sections, in some cases you see that it is an interesting variation which has a very minor explanation, and doesn't effect the meaning too much. In other cases it effects it very importantly..... $1\frac{1}{2}$ .....

Well, now, we have been ~~knkn~~ looking at this picture of the servant, until we come to ch.49 where we have the longest address of the servant that we have had up to this time. And we have the servant speaking in such a way as ~~kn~~, he says that God has said to ~~kn~~ him, v.3, "Thou art my servant, O Israel..." And yet he is speaking of the work He is going to do for Israel. And so He seems to be differentiating from Israel. And as we look ~~kn~~ on through the first few verses we look at v.6, and the Lord is going on to tell His blessing upon Israel, and the work He is going to do through Israel, or through the servant. It is not always easy to be sure which He has in mind ..... $2\frac{1}{4}$ ... make it more precise in your understanding..... $2\frac{1}{2}$  ..... But in v.8 he says, "Thus says the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the land, to cause it to inherit the desolate heritages....." Is this expressing the immediate work of the deliverance from exile? Or is this looking forward to the work which the servant is to do in deliverance from sin, and looking on ~~knex~~ to the way God's blessing is to be upon His people. "They shall not hunger nor thirst, neither shall the heat nor sun smite them...and my highways shall be exalted." The barriers will be changed into a ~~ax~~ way on which people go right through carrying out His will. "Behold, these shall come from far..." The outreach of the work of the servant, the bringing in of those from distant areas of the Lord's word. He is to be a light to the Gentiles. He is going to carry His salvation to distant areas. "these will come from far, these from the north, and these from the west." How far north, he doesn't say. Clear up to Russia, perhaps up to the Arctic circle, he doesn't say, these from the west.