

of Isaiah that 40 to 66 is all laid in the . That is a general assumption. But when you get here to 56:9, you will find in this passage here a tone that is so similar to earlier parts of the book that I consider it far from certain that these passages were given at the late time after 40 to 56.

(Question) It appears to me most likely that we have structure beginning at 56:9, a passage of rebuke followed by a passage of blessing, then again rebuke to the mass of the people including the godly but with special attention to the ungodly, rebuking the nation as a whole for its sin, then attention paid to the godless ~~particulars~~ specifically, then the ungodly, the nation as a whole including the ungodly and godly but emphasis on the sin ~~from~~ in the early part of 59. Then 16 on up to 63 is a continuation of this same theme. So my inclination would be to think that 59 is at the same approximate time as 57 and 58. Now that is pure conjecture, but the same evidence which would suggest the same attitude that 57 and 58 were early in his ministry might suggest it. Now, of course, they might not be . They might be in the time of Menassah, but at least he is looking to the nation as a whole and is not simply looking to the godly.

(Question) Yes, it would fit Menassah's time or Ahab's time. My only reason for not thinking of it probably in Menassah's time is that the general attitude at this time would appear simply to the godly as if the others are hopeless and he is turning attention away from them for the ~~time~~ time being. But it might be Menassah's time.

(Question--Mr. Jerome) Personally I consider the arrangement as very definitely inspired. But I think that right at that point it is necessary for the moment to stop and think what we mean by inspiration. Some people think of inspiration as meaning that if it says that there were 42 children killed by the bears instead of 43 or 41 there is a very definite reason that 42 conveys a meaning for it. Now I would say that if it says 42 it means 42. The Lord might have a special meaning for the number but there is no reason to assume that he does have. It may be that there were just 42 as we are told. If, however, it said 40 instead of 42, I would say