

must not give up hope from the fact that the exile is certain because beyond the exile God has great blessing for His people. That in very brief is the thought expressed over and over again in wonderful thought. Then in 36 to 39 we have a situation utterly different from ~~anything before~~ 1 to 35, more different from it than 40 on. In that section 36 to 39 we have the prophet at work. In the days of Hezekiah we have the great crisis which has been predicted before. We have the crisis actually there. We have the events occurring. We have Isaiah's action in relation to the events, the revelation God gave Isaiah in the midst of the events, and the account of how they came out. Then we have told there the account of how in the midst of that situation where God ~~was~~ was so wonderfully delivering the people right in the midst of that Isaiah predicted that the people would go into exile, not to Assyria, the great world power, but into Babylon, at that time an insignificant power. That ~~was~~ was where they were going to be exiled. ~~in Chapter~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ Then Chapter 39 ends and at 40 we begin a section which is clearly addressed only to the righteous, the people who are seeing the inevitability of the exile and warned because of ~~that~~ what seemed to be the end of their nation. They are kept from despair and God is giving them in chapters 40 to 56 the review of His wonderful ~~plan~~ plan with deliverance of His people from their sin. Now ~~it~~ at 56:8 this seems to end. Then we have a different method of approach. Now there are two interpretations possible at this section from 56:8 to 62. One of these interpretations is that in the days of Menasseh after Isaiah has given this message of consolation and of hope to the people, who are going into exile and that God is going to deal with the sin question which after all is the cause of the formation of the exile, that then He again turns His attention to the situation as a whole and presents God's rebuke upon them, and His declaration of punishment following it up with messages for the godly which ~~are~~ look far beyond the immediate deliverance and looks to the very wonderful deliverance ~~of~~ far beyond. Yet, Isaiah had a change of attitude in comparison to the previous attitude. That is entirely possible. Another possibility was ~~that the~~