

at the moment appears to me somewhat more likely although I have not made up my mind between these two at all. I'm not at sure we have material upon which we can base a conclusion. But the other possibility is that in the early days of his ministry, Isaiah gave messages addressing the people as a whole and condemning them for their sin and then turning to the godly and giving them God's wonderful promise of redemption that was going to come. And in these messages the promises of the redemption ~~and~~ and blessing to come rather naturally and logically he dealt with ~~the~~ phases of the blessings that God ~~gives~~ gives which would logically follow that phase which was described in chapter 40 ~~59~~ to 56. Therefore in the final arrangement of the book, this material which Isaiah had given in an early part was put in after the other because the account of the blessing which he gave would be more easily understood with that in mind. That might be for that reason material actually given to the people earlier was placed in the book later. Now that impresses ~~me~~ me as probably the more likely of the two. But I must say that I'm far from sure. We do have it arranged this way and I think that there is a purpose in the fact that it comes after. On the other hand you have ~~xxxxxxx~~ in Isaiah 7 to 12 a section in which Isaiah deals with the prince of Judah, a wicked king who is turning away from God and the fact that God is going to replace him with a righteous ruler. That is the essential theme of chapters ~~of~~ 7 to 12 although there are other subjects discussed such as God's deliverance of the people from the great Assyrian tax. Then in chapters 28 to 35 you have this theme discussed--the wickedness of the nobles and the leaders of the people and the fact that God is going to replace them with righteous leaders and is going to turn His favor to another people for a time. That is to say 28 to 35 is very definitely parallel to chapters 7 to 12 except that in 7 to 12 it is the king who is in mind and in 28 to 35 it is the nobility, the leaders of the nation, but the general theme is the same, the historical standpoint is the same, the point of departure is the same, the time of ? 32-142