

predicted in advance. And so he says in verse 20, but Isaiah is very bold and says , I was found of them that sought me not. I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me. But to Israel he said, All day long I have stretched forth my hand unto a disobedient and gainsaying ~~xxx~~ people . Here Paul makes a contrast between verses one ~~xxx~~ and two ~~xx~~ of Isa. 565. The first verse says that ~~h~~ those that had not sought after God had found him. The second verse says that ~~Israel~~ to Israel he has stretched forth his hand in vain. This corresponds very closely with the end of ~~xx~~ chapter 9 where we read that ~~Israel~~, which has followed after the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore, because they sought it not by faith, but the Gentiles, who followed not after righteousness , has attained to righteousness. Now, someone may say Paul is ~~x~~ surely misusing the Old Testament . How would Isaiah know anything ~~xxx~~ about the ~~xx~~ turning to the Gentiles. Well, one can ask , How could anyone in the time of Isa. know anything about the crucifixion of Christ or about His resurrection; or about ~~xx~~ the wonderful means of salvation that would ~~result-~~ come as a result ~~from it. We may ask-~~ of it. We may ask, but we find that the Apostle Peter had an ~~xxx~~ answer for it, because in I Peter one , the apostle has said, in I Peter the first chapter, verse 10 following , Peter said of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently , who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed that not unto themselves but unto us they did minister the things that are now reported unto you by them that ~~x~~ preached the gospel unto ~~xxx~~ you ~~g~~ by the Holy Ghost which came down from heaven, which things the angels desired to look into. So Peter said the prophets did not fully ~~underst-d~~ understand what they were giving. They ~~prophesied~~ prophesied beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. But they searched what manner of time the spirit of Christ did signify by these things.