

are going to receive blessings and deliverance from their sorrow, no question of that, and the blessings they are to receive are to extend far on into the future. Well now if it is simply blessings to Israel in captivity, going to be brought out and blessed and blessed into the future, then that first verse is very difficult to explain. Any other verses are very easy to explain, on the line of that, but then you run into the problem of the seeming promise ^{that} there will never be another captivity, which couldn't fit with Israel actually because ~~of~~ Israel did go through other captivities later, worse than that one. Yes? ...

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...certainly a possibility, that this looks way forward to the millennium, but of course, verse 3, thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left, and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and ~~we~~ cause the desolate cities to be inhabited, --that sounds like a process which would take place prior to the millennium, doesn't it? But there are many verses in here which certainly seem to fit the millennium far better than that. But there are also verses which seem to fit a period before this, because the millennium is not established by either Israel or the church reaching out, and stretching out and enlarging. Now William Carey preached his great sermon which began the modern missionary movement. You know what his text was? Verse 2, that was his text. Verse 2 was the text on which he preached that he should go to India and spread the Word there. Now was William Carey taking something out of context which had nothing to do with it, or was he giving something which is very relevant, which relates very definitely to the thing which he was urging. Was he just grabbing a verse and making it mean anything he wanted? Or was he really interpreting it correctly? If he was, we have a picture here that would fit exactly with verse 1 being the spread to the Gentiles, the children of the desolate, more than the children of the married wife, first chapter 53, the great work of Christ, but many rejected Him, many refused to accept Him. And yet there are many who do accept Him. In the mercy of God it works