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had not been outstanding for many generations in the land. You wouldn't expect him to come in this little despised group of Israelites way off on the outskirts of civilization. But to the beholder this appears to be like a tender plant, a root out of a dry ground, something that doesn't look like a strong stem but a little weak thing that would hardly be something you could build on. It's the unexpected that seems to be the thought of the two verses. It seems to me that it's always vital to get the main thought of the verse or two or section. See what is clearly the main thought. Then when you have a particular phrase see whether this phrase is a further extension of this main thought or whether it adds a collateral light and of course it may be something quite collateral not directly connected with the thought. But if it directly backs up the main thought of the passage it seems to me that that is the logical first suggestion as to the interpretation.

Question from floor: Answer: I don't think in this context it has that. I think it rather Israel as it would appear to the Gentiles who saw the redeemer ~~prophesied~~ come out of this despised people rather than the way they thought.

Question from floor: Answer: Yes, exactly. Yes that is exactly it.

Question from floor: Answer: Yes I would ~~XXXX~~ definitely say that this...
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 now there are those who ~~XXX~~ that this means the Messiah is going to be a leper. He's going to be unattractive. He's going to be ugly. He's going to be repulsive. I don't think so at all. I think that it ~~empty~~ means