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Seminary #1

I am going to speak to you these four hours on a very interesting and important section of the book of Isaiah. This is the section that runs from chapter 40 to ch. 56:8. This section of the Isaiah is very different from most of the rest of the book. When you look at the book of Isaiah aside from this section, you are immediately struck with the alternation between the passages of rebuke and the passages of blessing, and the general approach of the author is: first, to begin with rebuke, and thus we find that the very beginning of the book that Isaiah starts chapter 1 with the second verse, with the words, "Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me." And that is most of the chapter one. He rebukes His people for their sin, and declares the punishment that He is going to bring against them, and sometimes rather specifically points out that this punishment is going to be an exile. That is, they are going to be taken away from their home land to ~~far~~ a far place far away from their home land. being left ruined. But then after the beginning of the chapter ~~he~~ two he looks beyond the exile, and shows the marvellous blessing that He is going to give them during the Millennial kingdom age that is yet to come. ^{The rest} ~~Most~~ of the chapter two and most of chapter three is again God's expression of His rebuke to His people for their sin, and in the second verse of chapter four, ~~He~~ looks beyond the exile which is so vividly described in these verses, and describes the marvellous blessings that God is going to give to His people, when His Spirit shall lead His people, and ~~the people~~ He protects ~~them~~ from evil, ~~and~~