

Yesterday there was a very interesting question asked which, though a little aside from our main purpose today, I think it worth our taking just two or three minutes on now. And that was, what comfort would it be for people in Isaiah's day . . . and you say what is 150 years ago now. That would 1810, what comfort would it be to people in 1810 to tell them that before Kruschev had his missiles in Cuba, quite completely ready to demolish us, our government would stop him and make him draw back just a little bit, what comfort would that be 150 years ago. Well, none at all. Because nobody thought of Cuba, nobody had ever heard of ~~missl~~ missiles, nobody thought of any of the circumstances which surrounded the situation that we were in and so narrowly ~~escaped-~~ escaped. ~~Finia-~~ Finally succeeded in getting our government to pay a little attention to the warnings . . . but here we have an entirely different situation. In Isaiah's day the Northern ~~a~~ Kingdom had already been taken into exile. The Northern Kingdom is ~~a~~ 2/3rds of the region of Israel, and this Northern Kingdom which was such a constant and tremendous factor in the lives of the people has come to an end, and there is the same ~~langa-~~ language, many interrelationships, so that now there are refugees from the Northern Kingdom, from those . . . and had told their relatives of what was happening, and so the people were quite well aware of exile off to Mesopotamia in the time of Isaiah, and then Isaiah had ~~alreay-~~ already had . . . when he wrote Isa. 40-55. He had been preaching maybe 30-40 years and . . . People had probably stopped and laughed at them for a long time, but now they seemed to know that the kingdom was taken into exile. And all this time Isa. had been pointing out the sin of the people and the government of the people had been standing behind them and backing them up but had ~~found their x~~ found their efforts to have been ~~futiel-ful-~~ futile.