

the actions of the nation. It ~~is~~ sounds more like an individual. Can it be that the Word ~~is~~ for which Israel is called is not done by the entire nation, but by an individual who comes out of Israel, who represents Israel, for whose coming into the world Israel was preserved, but yet who is one individual rather than an entire nation. Well, if you read this passage, I'm sure that anybody would say Certainly that is a picture of an individual, and yet we must not be too sure immediately that it is a picture of an individual, ~~because~~ - because ~~is~~ after all, personification is very common in the ~~is~~ scriptures. The nation of Israel is often personified and referred to by its great ancestor Israel, or even by its earlier ~~name~~ - name Jacob, as in Isa. 1:8...and in all these places where Jacob is used, is not the Jacob but the whole Israel, so this could be a personification. We yet have not proven it to be an individual but it certainly ~~sounds~~ - sounds as if it is picturing an individual. But our question becomes greater still when you look at the passage and see what it is that is stressed in the passage. As you look at ~~these~~ these seven verses it is not obvious at first sight because it doesn't say one individual and then another. He takes three main thoughts and he sort of interrelates them, but as you look at it, while all three are run together. They are all there very clearly and very strongly expressed, and the main thought which is in these seven verses is ~~that~~ the Lord is going to ~~run over and~~ watch over and empower the Servant so ~~that~~ there can be ~~is~~ no doubt that the ~~Servant's work~~ - Servant's work will be accomplished --the previous chapter ~~told~~ told us that Israel is going to be brought back ~~is~~ from exile because it is God's servant. But now we are told that the Servant's work is going to be accomplished. And so ~~this~~ - this is the problem. It is a prediction. It is a definite statement that this work is going to be ~~is~~ done. Now, we find ~~that~~ the Word of God ...It is not an exhortation. It is a prediction. It is a definite statement