

that they should be included in His inerrant Word. And so we do not have much in the Bible that simply is of value for a distant period. It has ~~not~~ value immediate, and then a great deal of it also has great value for more distant periods. And so in the prophetic books it is very frequently the case that the prophet speaks to the people of Israel, and he says to them, "You people have fallen into very serious ~~sin~~ sin: you have turned away from God and not done what He wants you to do. You have ~~fallen~~ followed after false ~~gods~~ gods. You have broken the Ten Commandments, and God is going to send you into exile. And ~~He~~ <sup>He</sup> thus rebukes the people for their sin, and tells them of the terrible results that God is going to bring <sup>to</sup> them. But then, over and over and over, it is as if, God speaking through the prophet, ~~He~~ looked at the people before Him and saw among them ~~here, and here, and here~~ here and here and here and here individuals who were true believers, who were following the Lord, who were very much disturbed over the sin into which the nation had fallen, who knew that God must send them into exile for their sin, and knew that they, as members of the nation, were implicated in the sin, and who ~~would~~ therefore would tend to give way to despair more than the wicked would, because they believed the prophets words to come from God. And it is as if the prophet, after speaking to the mass of people, and condemning them for their sin, and rebuking them for it, ~~he~~ then looked to the smaller group of the godly, and he spoke to their hearts to comfort them, "All this is true; these terrible things must come, but beyond the punishment God still has plans for His people, God is not through ~~with~~ <sup>in Jeremiah</sup> with Israel. God says, "If my covenant with heaven and earth can be broken, if day and night stop succeeding one another, if the planets stop ~~going~~ going around the sun, if all these wonderful things God has made are going to just stop, well then you can believe that my covenant with Israel will stop too. But I have promised always, He says, to be faithful to Israel, and to keep my promises. And so, He says, you godly people, you will go into exile, yes, you have this to go through, but beyond it there's great blessing. ~~And~~ And so sometimes the prophet, after giving the rebuke, and telling of the present sin, looks beyond to ~~their~~ their return from ~~exile~~ exile at the end of the Babylonian exile.

Prophet  
God  
speaking  
here?

(sounded like "fallen?"