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1 ready to listen.

2 Moreover, such arguments rest upon interpre-

3 tations of the text that are hermeneutically

4 unsound. It is recognized by many commentators

5 (e.g., G. B. Gray in ICG and E. H. Plumptre in

6 Ellicott) that the statement that Isaiah walked

7 naked may well mean that he simply laid aside

8 his outer garment. The command to Ezekiel to

9 lie before the tile 390 days to represent the

10 iniquity of Israel would not necessarily

11 require that he lie there 24 hours at a time.

12 A few hours each day would satisfy all the

13 requirements of the symbolic act. Some of the

14 precise references to Babylon in the book of

15 Jeremiah and the fact that when Nebuchadnezzar

16 conquered Jerusalem he seemed already to know

17 about Jeremiah has led many interpreters to

18 think that Jeremiah could well have made a visit

19 to Babylon during the years of comparative

20 peace. On such a trip he might have buried his

21 girdle near a part of the river that is much

22 nearer to Jerusalem than Babylon itself, and

23 then have dug it up on his return journey. Even

24 this assumption is not necessary, for a number

25 of interpreters suggest that the word

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