

stu: I had thought that presented the central problem of the chapter in some respects. (MacR: yes.) Of course, that was operating on the assumption that the--that the rest of it was wrath against the world and against Israel, then the question, these others are going to be demolished and destroyed, but is Israel going to suffer the same thing?

MacR: yes. As he has smitten them, then he smote them that smote them. Or are they slain (7 1/2) them that were slain by him.

stu: I think he's speaking of the, that there'll be no destruction that Israel ever experienced that will compare w to the destruction of the (7 A//50 3/4)

stu: well, offhand, I think it doesn't quite square with the idea that^{is} given in the previous verses, that Jehovah has a vineyard, he's going to take care of it. But somehow that trouble and destruction is going to come to it. But has it been utterly destroyed, has it been smitten like these wicked nations? The kingdom of Assyria is going to pass and will never be again, and the enemies of Judah, they're going to be destroyed, burdens upon them, but how about Judah itself, is it going to suffer the same fate? Yes? //

MacR: Yes. In other ~~th~~ words that Judah receives purging and cleansing (8 1/2) chastisement. They go into exile, have terrific difficulties and troubles. Are these as bad as the punishment which comes to the ungodly?

stu: the rest of the chapter seems to answer no, God is going to spare a remnant, restore a pure worship ~~be~~, he's going to (8 3/4) wherever they've been scattered and gather them again.

stu: that was what I intended to convey. Maybe I didn't express myself clearly.

MacR: yes. You agree with that interpretation? (stu: yes.)