

Prophets 20

I didn't hear any suggestion made on those occasions that seemed to me very reasonable for either such/cases but we have had students who have very tenaciously held to those views, and I would be very glad to have such arguments brought forward in order that we may investigate them and see what reason there may be to them, but I don't think we need to take it right now. We'll come back to it perhaps, later. I mean if somebody feels that the interpretation I give is not satisfactory do not let the word I have just said about the unreasonableness of certain interpretations make you feel hesitant about raising questions about it or presenting another idea that comes to your mind, because I certainly don't mean to ridicule any view whatever, but I do give it as my considered judgment, I don't know of any interpretation that impresses me as at all reasonable that makes Verse 16 have any application to Christ or Verse 14 have any application to the time of Isaiah, but unless there is further discussion on the matter of the time element specifically now, I think we'll leave other implications of this rather difficult chapters for one of the other times when we come up against it. And so in that case, we go on to Section 4, and Section 4 is somewhat similar to 3. It is, "What is the perspective of the prediction?"

What is the perspective of the prediction? And under it I am giving two subheads. A. What part is near and what part is distant? "Oh", you may say, "that's just exactly the question asked in 3." Perhaps that is a good objection to the ordiliness of my outline, but I would say that as the question is stated it means something different. 3 raises a big question with me, though. What is there that is right in the prophet's day and what is there that is future . 4 A is dealing more with matters that are all future to the prophet's day and is discussing the relationship of the particular matters. Which of them are dealing with something that is to happen in connection with the exile and which with something connected perhaps with Christ, with His first coming or with His second coming. What parts of that which the prophet sees in the distance would you say, are near to them and what parts are further away from them? Do some of them make a rule of thumb that immediately