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Prophets 89, continued

X who had a good many original ideas about the Bible and he the whole book of Isaiah came from one man. Ibn Evra. He lived in the middle ages. I forget the exact date -- about 1300 or 1400. Then we find, however, that in Commentary on Chapter 55

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Isaiah should have written this verse.

and that has been referred to by recent writers as a suggestion on the part of Calvin that not the whole book came from the hand of Isaiah. Now I think that is pressing it a little too far, but at least Calvin did think it a little strange to think of Chapter 55, Verse 3 as from the hand of Isaiah. However we do not find evidence of much question but all or practically all of Isaiah came from the one man until 1780 when a German commentator named Coppe expressed his doubt as to the genuineness of Chapter 50 - you see it is in the last part of the book, and then in 1789 another German commentator Doderlein declared his suspicion that Chapters 40 - 66 were by another writer. He was followed in this by the great German critic , a man whose researches in Hebrew language were so great that most Hebrew dictionaries and most Hebrew grammars in his time bear his name, even though they are utterly different from the grammar and dictionary he wrote. Say he issued five editions in the Hebrew grammar and we might today have the twenty-eights edition, probably not a word of it written by him but still using his name. Mr. -----? (Student) And then the great German commentator Ewald accepted the view. A Dutchman, Professor Kuenes of Leyden wrote a book in 1863 which had a tremendous influence in leading people to accept the idea of a second Isaiah. Franz Delitzsch is a man with whom you should all be familiar. He was a great German Christian, a man who was a great lover of the Bible and who wrote many commentaries on various books of the Old Testament and some of the New, a man who translated the New Testament into Hebrew for purposes of Jewish evangelism, a very great Christian, a man devoted to the Scriptures but he had a son who turned violently against the Scriptures and his son Fredrich Delitzsch publicly assailed the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch and assailed the unity of the book of Isaiah and Franz Delitzsch