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trying to bring us proof that the latter part of Isaiah does present the exile I would say that that would be a splendid thing for you to do because the first thing is get our facts straight and be sure that we have the facts before we proceed to the interpretation of the facts, but I would warn you in advance that I do not think you will have any success in such an attempt. I think you will find that the facts are, as Professor Driver has stated them in this that from Chapter 40 ff. the exile is not predicted but is presupposed. I think you will find those are the facts. Now the question is, "What is the interpretation of the facts?" and immediately we say, of course, that as a rule, certainly as a general rule, certainly in most cases, Professor Driver will be correct in what he has said that that which ~~which~~ is pre-supposed is past, but we must admit, and Professor Driver will admit, that occasionally for at least a brief for a small section a man may put himself forward into a future situation and as if he was in that situation. I may look forward to the day after the next President of the United States has been elected and I may say: "Poor fellow, I'm sorry for you with the problems you have to face. Look at the legacy of misery that has been passed over to you by these past two or three administrations that we have had. Look at the world situation that has come to the United States permitting godless soviet Russia to get its hands on a third of the surface of the earth." I say: "Look what you have to face. How are you going to work your way out of it?" and I assume the man is already elected when we don't even know who he is. That is a literary device which may be adopted. No one will deny the possibility of its being adopted but it is not the usual thing to adopt it. It's comparatively infrequent and it is certainly extremely unusual. Driver says impossible, that such a device should be adopted to run over many chapters; that for a long period the situation would be presupposed which is still quite a distant to the of the one who is originally writing. Well now let us look a little at the situation there. I have one or two references here as to places where we find such . Well I might read you the words which Driver himself says in a foot note on Page 237 of his Introduction. We find him there making this statement. He says: "It is