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and pondered over it and filled himself with the thoughts of Isaiah and now God uses him to declare to the people "Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people!" saith the Lord, "You are

, but God has given you your full punishment for these things; He is now about to take you back from the erile. Every valley is going to be exalted; every mountain made low on the way between you and Babylon and the long journey back to Jerusalem. You are going to be brought back" and then he goes on and gives that wonderful prediction in which from Chapters 41-52 you find over and over and over the promise. "Come out, captives. Leave the place of your captivity. God is delivering you. God is . Now, that, then, could very naturally be put on the second part, a further addition to this roll, and later a ges could easily forget that there was/break there, that a new book was added there and simply take it as one book. It would be a very easy thing to happen. And so that is the first stage of the prophetic critical theory of the book, that there are two Isaiah's and yesterday we finished with the statement that the prophetic statements grow out of a particular historic situation, that is the regular thing in prophecy and as you read these chapters that is the historic situation which you see in them.

Mr. ---? (Question from student) No. Now, of course we are now talking about the----It's pretty hard to say what is in the minds of the critics, because you have all sorts of critics. You have men who believe ---- well, I was just thinking now about this two Isaiahs period. let's say one hundred years ago. You have men who believe that a man wrote the first part and another man wrote the second part and they both of them pretended God had done it, and you have other men who had most complete faith in Christ as Saviour, complete faith in all the miracles of the NewTestament who believed that God had sent a great prophet to speak without including his own name in his predictions, without giving a name, with no thought of any , everybody knew who it was. He was going about among the people giving his message but it was written down and it was placed in . You have all sorts of viewpoints, but the viewpoint which I am presenting for you now, the viewpoint which was held by many, was that God used a great prophet, the great unknown, the man who wrote a book which was similar to Isaiah and naturally came to be added on after the great prediction of exile to Babylon, added on to that same roll, the book of this other man. (Question from student.) No. Ch, certainly, when they were put in the temple archives--it's just like the twelve minor prophets. They weren't all added on to one roll. Hosea wrote his books, Joel

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