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trip back from Babylon ahead. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk the long stretch across the desert to get home again. They shall walk and shall not faint. Chapter 43, Verse 10. speaking directly to the people again. You are my witnesses, saith the Lord; you are my witnesses and my servant whom I have chosen: that you may know and believe me, and understand that I am He. You are in exile; it seems to you as if it's hard to believe in God. The city is gone. The temple is destroyed. There's nothing tangible to prove the existence of the great God in whom your fathers believed, but you are to be my witnesses. I want you to trust me. I'm going to take you back out of Babylon, and going to deliver you. Addressed directly to the heart of the exile. Chapter 51:6-12, ff. of further interest. I won't take time to read now. And Chapter 58, V. 3, ff. And then the specific matter which I mentioned in general under <sup>previous</sup> ~~this~~ head of the mention of Cyrus by name, and I hope you notice the references where Cyrus was mentioned by name. Chapter 44:28, 45:1; it is very unusual to give a specific name of a person ahead of time, very unusual to name a man centuries ahead and here in addition to that he is not simply named as something new but as one known to the hearers. He's referred to just as you'd refer to somebody everybody knew about. Somebody might be saying, "Well, here's Hitler. He's an awful scourge. Let's get out and fight him," and somebody else would say, "No. Hitler is the one that should destroy the power of communism and should remove this terror which otherwise will hang over the world." He would simply be referring to one whom everybody knew about and expressing a different viewpoint on him, but if George Washington in his farewell address had said, "Hitler is going to be one who does such-and-such," people would have said, "What on earth is he talking about?" If Washington had said, "I foresee that there's going to be a great country here, rise up from these little thirteen colonies and the time is going to come when a great man, Franklin D. Roosevelt, is going to make the power of this nation known around the world," why that would be a most remarkable thing to name the man's name in advance, but it would be named that way showing a wonderful state. If he simply said, "This is going to be a great land and Roosevelt is going to do so-and-so," they'd say, "What on earth is he talking about? Who's Roosevelt? So the impression you get when you read the reference to Cyrus in both these instances is that