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 it is not necessary. He may be talking of an emotional aspect that God will do it; he may give you a various line of approach which will touch various acts that God will do. Now you notice that ch. 40 begins with a note of comfort. Cf. v. 1 Cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished and that her iniquity is pardoned. It is specific and not in just general terms. It is passed on through that which is required and so the statement is given of deliverance--Comfort on account of deliverance. And then a note of deliverance is stressed in v. 3--is this not speaking more of the deliverance of sin rather than that of Babylon? He is here stressing the emotional part. Later on he will deal with individual things but here this is emotional. It is what God is going to do. God says to prepare the way of the Lord, ~~prepare~~ the way for our God. It might be alluding to a way being prepared for the exile to come back from Babylon but more specifically it speaks of those who must be rescued who lost in sin.

# 201 Here the crooked places made straight and the high places made low--of course that speaks of the deliverance that God is providing. The mouth of the Lord has spoken. We are getting in on God's greatness and God's ~~power~~ power. If by double fulfillment, you mean that there is something and it is not specific, of course that could be repeated many times. If I say there will be students here from Phila. there will be one in Oct. and three in Nov. and 6 in Dec. There would be a hundred fulfillments of that statement. I say a student will go from here to Phila. that is fulfilled as soon as one goes and if this happens you have no right to say there still is one to go. If it is a prediction of a specific event when that is fulfilled, then that is the end of it. What is he speaking about here? Is he talking about Christ coming--is he speaking of Mohamed coming, or Budah, or Eishenhour--he is speaking about one specific thing. He is speaking about Cyrus ~~Christ~~, and I have never heard it referred to anyone but him. Here is a specific reference to an individual. But in ch. 40 we have a general summary of things that follow and there is no specific statement that an individual is coming but there is the background made for what is coming. It isn't specific of John the Baptist but is a prediction that God is going to open up the way--you might say that it exactly describes John the Baptist, though not as a specific prediction. Something that would come under particularly in double-fulfillment--two things that utterly different in type, I think that is always in error.