

new their strength". The Lord asks who has raised up the righteous man from the East. Who made him rule over kings? I have never heard any suggestion of double interpretation of the verse. I have never heard of it as prediction of something in the future. I have never heard any attempt to apply this verse in any way looking to things that are still future. Every interpreter interprets it in regard to the end and the exile and the coming of King Cyrus from Persia, spoken of here as the righteous man from the East, the one with power and skill and with reputation with fair dealing. Here then is the Babylonian Empire facing evil days and he goes to the north of the Babylonian Empire and he goes with rapid progress across Asia Minor and right to the very borders of Greek kingdoms, conquering one section after another, and God asks who raised him up, who brought him? Ques. about books that go thru this, etc. There are books that go through the prophets and each time there is any question to the church and the dividing up of the prophets and they have rebuked for the church and for the blessings of the church. It is also true that commentaries do speak of the OT church and it was true that God's Church is all through the ages and it is the OT church but many times they do mean predictions of the future church and in this case I don't see any chance of getting much from Israel out of it. He is looking at the immediate situation instead of the distant future. Just what is the Oxford Bible? Ques. about it. They might be the ones put in the original ones. Those who went into the more careful interpretation of prophecy in those days and not so much among the proponents of the authorized Version as of the Geneva book which is published about 50 years before the Authorized Version and which was the Bible of the Puritans until 50 years after the AV came out. The AV won its way against the Puritan Bible and the Geneva Version and it has been the great Bible of the English speaking people. If the Geneva Bible is greater in some regards, I am not in the position to say but it is a very splendid work. Ques. There is comparison in various ways in which God speaks of Cyrus. He speaks of him as the righteous man from the East and then later He speaks of him as a ravenous bird and there are different expressions from different sides but it always seems God has raised up Cyrus for God's purposes. God says that Cyrus has not known God but God has used him and God thus makes the wicked acts of men and also the good acts of men to work out as part of the plan of His kingdom. God controls all things as He chooses but He permits a large measure of Satan to this age. God is in control. The Greeks see him and they know he seeks control. They sat and feared and the ends of the earth were afraid but they were to be courageous