

Isa. 53:8 is read in the Hebrew by Mr. Wilt. Is this were from the land you would have to have the article expressed and the only way can get the ~~artistic~~ into it, is by having it in the construct before a definite noun. This can be absolute or construct and you can't tell but what is the next word--living ones but there is no article and therefore it is not definite--it isn't any particular living ones but the ones that happened to be living at that time--literally it is from the land of living ones. It isn't from a particular land of living but just any living ones. We use the phrase we went walking in the woods--what woods? Well, just the woods that you went walking in. Sometimes we use the definite article where it doesn't mean definiteness at all. The Syriac has taken this to extreme at this point and practically into the but in the Heb. it doesn't do this. The Hebrew is more logical than either the English or the Syriac or Aramaic in that regard. In this case--It would be from the land of living ones, there He would be cut off. The vital thing is to get exactly what the Heb. says. That word transgression would have the same form in absolute or construct. If it is absolute it is a transgression, but if it is construct it is either from a transgression of or from the transgression of--it depends what the next word is. The next is a noun. It can be made definite by being made a proper noun and by having an article, or a pronominal suffix or by being before a word that is definite. The last two are the same, because a pronominal suffix and consequently if it is followed with a noun with a pronominal suffix it is definite--"from transgression of my people a stroke is to him." nege is simply a segolate noun like nephesh. I am anxious that you bring up any question that you might not understand. (Discussion of where you would find this is the dictionary--Min. 8-10). It is very common in the Psalms. Thursday will be a restricted lesson to the higher criticism though ordinarily in any written lessons we refer the right to ask anything that we have had in the year--there will be no Heb. in the written lesson.

We were in ch. 45 at our last meeting. We noticed the Lord speaking to Cyrus, that He would go before him and open up the gates of brass and still in Nanking you still have iron bars etc. as Mis Wei tells me. I think that He had Babylon in mind here however. V.3 we noticed that the great hidden treasures which the people didn't know anything about--Cyrus, who never probably had even heard of God before he conquered Babylon, was named by the God of Israel a century or a century and a half before he ever came along. V. 5 the Lord reverts to the power of God--His glory, power and majesty and he still retains a message to Cyrus.