

were too strong that causes you to be in this situation--it is not because these great world powers are so much greater, it is because you are under the wrath of the Lord and this is the situation but assuring them there is victory for them. They are delayed from the wrath of the Lord and there is release from sin. God will take away the bowl from them <sup>there</sup> and they will no longer be any wrath to drink from it. He said the soul is bowed down that he may go over -- seal for Israel but punishment for Babylon. Deliverance for Israel but ~~freedom~~ vindication and vengeance upon Babylon and then 52 sounds at first like 51:9 and yet it is different. In v. 9 it is "Awake, awake, and the Lord will proceed to do His work but now he calls on Zion to receive the benefits of it. The work is accomplished and then they can bestir themselves and receive the benefits of it. "Put on your strength, O Zion and your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem and hence forth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean." Who is the unclean and the uncircumcised. The uncircumcised shall no more come into the city of David and the unclean could not. Does he mean into the church? He is looking forward and declaring His wonderful blessings. There are the wonderful opportunities which He has established. It is ours to take hold of and to appropriate. Ques. It must be something glorious that is still future to us today. Ques. The expression, the uncircumcised could surely be explained by Paul where he says the true circumcision is that of the circumcision of the heart and the circumcision of the flesh represents that of the heart. Ques. The meaning is that none will come in until he has truly received Christ as Saviour. What is the point of it and they would have no meaning? It is the assurance of the perfection that God is eventually going to punish. Ques. It may mean that but I would not be able to say. Ques. It does not mean that no individuals shall come in but that no strong enough group to win a victory over it and I was quite impressed with that suggestion and in the context it would seem to give a very good sense. He is assuring them that they will not necessarily be absolutely secure from any one coming in to defile them but I do think that is eventually what will take place but I don't think it is anything you can look for this side of the final judgment. It means that the Babylonians rushed into Jerusalem and destroyed the city and took the people captive and they are not to worry about that happening again and we know that it did happen again. At the end of the Mel there is going to be a great force to come in and destroy the city. The time of God's perplexity is going to be established. Ques. No, I think it probably means Jerusalem but you