

tion and into bondage. They have fallen into Assyrian oppression and into these difficulties and God says that He gets them out of all of them. Ques. Yes, I would take two different periods. I would say it is of the earlier bondage and it is after all the weight of sin and the difficulties which began with the Assyrian attack and culminated in the Babylonian exile and they are the results of sin also. The Assyrian took the northern kingdom captive and the Babylonian now holds the other captive. The Lord then asks about it when He knows His people are taken away for nought. The Lord declares that He is going to do something about it and "They that rule over them do howl and my name continually all the day is blasphemed" and here is a condition in which the name of the Lord is suffering because of the situation of His people and they had come into it on account of their sin and yet the name of the Lord is involved. The Lord is going to take action and "Therefore my people shall know my name and the people know the my name and they know it is I". So He is declaring the certainty of the fact that God is going to do something about it and He talks constantly about the Babylonian exile and if all He said was true it would be actually held and then you have to realize it is not just the Babylonian exile with which He is going to deal but He is going to deal with the sin question also--with the root as well as the outworking of it. It is going to be to deal with the root as well as with the effects. While He has promised deliverance from Babylon, the big thing is not just deliverance but deliverance from the cause of the captivity. So we go on rejoicing in the great work that God is going to do. It brings good tidings that declare salvation and says to Zion that your God reigns and they lift up their voice together and they see when God returns to Zion. We have two or three verses along this line and then we have some verses speaking rather specifically of the return from Babylon and then in 15:3- v. 13 ch. 53 properly begins and you have already taken 13 onto 53 and translated them from the Hebrew and there is just this particular theme involved.

We have noticed something of the wonderful work that God is going to do for Israel as she comes out of the land of Babylon. He speaks of bringing deliverance and return from the Babylonian captivity. The Lord has made Himself strong in their behalf. He shows His power in delivering His people --all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God. He will deal it would seem at what was the root cause of the Babylonian captivity--that which would strike at the root of all these evils. So in v. 11 he addresses the call to the people to avail themselves of the invitation that is for them.

~~From the way of man he hardly seems like a man. The Jews say that this is talking~~  
 about Israel and some say that it is Jeremiah. We would think that it was speaking of the actual Servant of the Lord--it is showing the humiliation of the Servant of the Lord.