

prediction there was perhaps three chances out of four that it would come to pass--they are all vital --He is going to free His people from the Canaanite conquest and this is the way that it is going to be done. This is something that proves that God is in it. What difference does it make if Sisera lives or dies? If the soldiers are gone, what is the difference if he goes home and spends the rest of his life, or is punished before the king or killed by another man, --it is a little incidental prediction simply to show that this is not a matter of accident. It is not a matter of Deborah simply being a smooth planner and is carrying forth her schemes--God was actually working and controlling in the whole matter. Now we find the same thing in Psa. 22. In the first 21 and a half verses you have a wonderful prediction of Christ's crucifixion, and then the last half has to do with the resurrection. Here it speaks of a nation that is not yet born--it gives a wonderful picture of the ~~xxx~~ crucifixion and it shows a method of slaying that was not during that time of the Jews at which this was written. A prof. in Union College in Cincinnati says that it is two psalms combined together. One psalm he says that it is praising God and then the other part is of man during Macc. time in a dungeon and nothing of this fits except the crucifixion--it doesn't name the word but describes different elements that enter in. It is an organic prediction of the crucifixion of Christ.

# 245 --It is wonderful that David should predict the crucifixion in his days, but there were many people crucified later. There is the question as to who was the precise one that ~~is~~ is meant here? There is a little incidental prediction in the middle of the organic prediction--the organic prediction predicts the drying up of his body, his ~~xxx~~ sufferings in general; the piercing of his hands and feet, the assembly of the wicked around him--all these different features are described but then in v. 18--they part my garments and cast lots upon my vesture. They take his garments and divide them up, so they cast lots on this special one. This doesn't add to his humiliation, or his death in any way, but it just a simple occurrence that happened at the crucifixion of Christ, which is predicted here 1000 years in advance and is just a little sign and a seal of who was predicted. Another one of these little incidental seals we find over in ch. 53 of Isa. We have the description of the atonement of Christ. Cf. Psa. 22 describes the internal agony. Isa. 53 gives the external picture. Some think that Psa. 22 is a meditation of what Christ thought on the