

reject the Lord, those who refuse to follow God but who revile, they are in the end to be destroyed while God's deliverance will endure forever. Surely we have here the promise of the Gospel in its three stages. First, blessing to God's own; second, outreach and opportunity to all; third, destruction for the \_\_\_\_\_ penalty. This makes a three-fold division and forms a unit in itself. All through it there is emphasized the great theme of God's power and of God's permanence. The first three verses ~~of~~ appear to me to be rather general in nature. I was inclined to think that, well, of course verses one and two, I think, are looking back to the past as an example of what God is able to do. And then in verse three it seems to me that the primary meaning of it is temporal blessing and to that extent it doubtless looks forward to the millennium. But I was inclined to feel in view of the chapter as a whole that it includes spiritual blessing. That it includes not merely remedy from the temporary evil of the Babylonian captivity but from the far greater curse of sin which \_\_\_\_\_ AND especially as we find joy and gladness, thanksgiving and the voice of melody stressed in it which certainly could not ever be secured simply from temporal blessings. I read a few days ago the statement that we are soon going to enter into a period when all the world will be happier than ever before because of the atomic power that now is to be made available, and I began to think just how is this going to make all the world happier than it has ever been before. Without any atomic power we already have enough knowledge of science that with better distribution we could bring plenty to eat and the use of automobiles and of the general luxuries which we have in America to all the people in the world today without this atomic power at all. Now just what is it going to bring that is going to bring far greater happiness? Will there be faster transportation? Will there be \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ general enough ~~verse three~~ that it could include all the blessings that God will bring to Israel. Not merely material