

I imagine it would be possible for this class to spend the rest of the time we have today still on this passage we've been working on. It might be that we'd get on beyond it. I don't know. But after this passage, the present passage ends with 63: 6. No, I imagine we might spend today and tomorrow on it. I'm not sure. But anyway I just want to look ahead a little bit so that when we do get to what follows, you will be ready to discuss it intelligently. After this passage we have a new section which starts in chapter seven, I mean chapter 63, verse 7. And there we find a change of person. It really is amazing that the archbishop should have failed to make a chapter division there. Verse 6. "And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth." Seven. "I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us," ~~and~~ What a difference! There's a sharp change. It certainly is a chapter division, but more than that of course it is one of the big divisions of the book. The section we've been on that starts at the middle of chapter 56 ends here with verse 6 of chapter 63. I think there is absolutely no doubt of that.

And then at 63, verse 7, there begins a passage and I would question whether it is necessary to make any other primary division in the book. Well, after all, that's only three and a half chapters. So, it would seem unlikely that that three and a half chapters would include two primary divisions. If it be one primary division, then it will be rather closely connected together. You start in with verse seven and you read and you ask yourself who is talking? And what is he talking about? And you go on and you ask yourself, is this passage which starts in verse seven and continues for some distance - is it actually in its larger import as a whole, is it a passage of praise to God? Is it a passage of confession? Is it a passage of rebuke for sin? Is it a passage of petition and request of God? Which of these is it? Or is it something else? And how long does it go? I don't think it would take a great deal of study on your part to reach a decision on this point. But I would like to have you, from your own study, not from any commentaries, reach a decision on this point. How far does the passage which starts, that is, the larger passage, that starts at verse 7, run? How long does the same speaker speak who is speaking in verse seven? Are the next few verses there after seven, the main body of the passage, or are they a sort of introduction