

then very definitely associates up with them, and makes it real. He becomes more heated with the subject, and He's very definitely one of the group. Very definitely. A very interesting observation. And then from there on it is (11 $\frac{1}{2}$). Any further comments?

How about verse 10? "Thy Holy Cities are a wilderness. Zion is a wilderness. Jerusalem, a desolation. Our holy and our beautiful house where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with ~~sin~~ fire. And take verse 18 of the previous chapter, "The people of thy holiness have possessed it but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary." That certainly presents a picture that Jerusalem is in ruins. Judea has been overrun. Jerusalem is a desolation. And they have lost their land. Their cities have been destroyed. That is the picture there. So either the critics are right and Isaiah did not write this, but it was written by other people two hundred years later, or at least a hundred years, or else, Isaiah pictures something in the future. So that in any ^{event} advent, it is not Isaiah talking. It is not people ~~wh~~ in Isaiah's day who are talking. But it is either people at a later time, talking, or Isaih is imagining some people at a later time talking. It is one or the other. Well now, these people then are people after they have gone into exile, or after they are being returned from exile, but have ~~not~~ yet had the land rebuilt. And these people who are either actually writing it, or who are imagin~~ing~~ it, and saying, they are pleased that God shall rebuild Jerusalem, that He shall give them back their land and that they will again make it a beautiful and glorious land. Well now, it would be worth ~~wh~~ while to go through the whole two chapters and to see everything that is said about the land. The condition of the land. How long they've had it. What it is now. What God's relation to the land should be. Another thing that would be very much worth while, would be to go through the passage, and to see what it shows about why - what their argument is ~~■~~ as to why God should give us such. We raised the question, do they say, we have sinned. We have done wrong. We do plead that you will forgive us. We are turning from it, turning away from it. And promising to do our best to never do it again. We are repenting. Turn from their sin, and God will forgive.