

punish them, but yet the facts on which the prayer is based are true. They are God's people. God has given these promises to them. God is going to honor the promises. He is going to give them punishment, but He is going to give them blessings afterwards. And so I hope over vacation time you can all run on into 65 and 66. Merry Christmas to you.

And so I believe that the rest of 65 is just as much an answer to their prayer as the first part. I think it is just as much an answer, as the first ^{part} ~~part~~ is. The first part is the negative part. The last part is the positive part. God has made promises and He's going to fulfill these. "Wilt thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel? It is not for you to know times nor seasons." Israel has turned against Him. They have honored Him with their lips and not with their heart. He is going to punish them. They have a long period of time ~~af~~ a long period of misery. A long period when the wild olive branches is grafted in, but eventually they will be grafted into their own olive tree, and eventually He will create Jerusalem rejoicing and her people a joy. And verse 19, "And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people." And so the fulfillment of His wonderful promises which their prayer calls on Him to fulfill is given I believe in the last half of chapter ⁶⁵ ~~65~~, and I think the archbishop was very right in not making a chapter division in the middle of this chapter. Opposite and different as the two sections of it are and the first section seemingly unrelated. Actually I think they are closely related. They are the two phases of the ~~answer~~ answer to the prayer. The negative answer - the wrong spirit of prayer, and the punishment declared on those who are showing this wrong spirit. The positive answer - the facts stated in the prayer are true. God does look down with mercy upon His people, and with longing to bless them, and He is going to fulfill the promises. And so we have chapter 65 with the first half of it giving God's rebuke and that rebuke is worth studying carefully because it is not merely the first verse I think, but also the 15th and the 13th, which are bringing out the turning to them, but then in verse 17 on and consider and see if 16 doesn't belong with 17. It seems to me that it is a complete change between most of which precedes after 16. Or maybe it should be in the middle of this. But at least there is a change there and the rest of the chapter, is a passage of wonderful blessing, and the people's prayer, giving the positive answer which will not come