

verse 8 or 9 there is a very important division in the chapter. Then of course we ask ourselves if the blessing which is given at the first part of the chapter and the rebuke in the last part of a similar nature such as make us to think that they combine together into one larger unit, and we find in the general idea of the two sections very little in common. Which leads me to think that we have a major division, while on the contrary we find that the rebuke in the latter half of the chapter is very similar to the rebuke in chapter 57, leading me to feel that there is no chapter division in between chapters 56 and 57. While the blessing at the beginning of it seems to me to be strikingly similar to the blessing of the previous chapter except that it is dealing with a slightly different aspect of the blessing. That instead of a general statement of author of free salvation to all people, it is just upon the fact that great blessings are to be given to people outside of Israel, and so it is properly related in ideas to the other through a different phase of idea and that would seem to me to suggest that our section, the result of chapter 52 runs from 54:1 to 56:8 and then that we have a new section of rebuke which begins at 56:9, and runs on through 57.

Student: In that connection, I believe that previously you have mentioned a possible preference for considering at least verse 1, I don't remember if you included verse 2 in chapter 56 together with ~~with~~ chapter 55.

Dr. MacRae: I feel that verses 1 and 2 in 56 have very little in common with 3 to 8, that is they have much more in common with 3 to 8 than verses 9 to 12. But yet comparatively little in common with it, while they have a great deal in common with the previous chapter. Although, as to whether they should go with 56 or with 55, I wouldn't think nearly as obvious as, ~~in~~ that I hold that 56:1-58 goes with 55.

Student: In connection with verse 1, just what do we understand by the terms to keep judgment and to keep justice and how do we relate