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of the comparison with v. 14, a possibility. Another possibility that it is a statement of the result of the last half of v. 14 and thus of the reason why He is to be humiliated. You are humiliated for your sins. You went through terrific suffering. You would not expect a great Servant of God to go through suffering and misery. That would seem very strange, but the fact is, just as many were astonished at you, similarly He is going to be humiliated and go through suffering and so by means of this suffering, as a result of this suffering, the reason for the suffering is that He is going to sprinkle many nations. This word "sprinkle" is a word which is used more in the book of Leviticus than anywhere else in the whole Old Testament together. It is used there regularly as sprinkling the vessels in the tabernacle with water or with blood, for the purpose of cleansing them. It indicates a ceremonial cleansing, and so, just as you are humiliated, so He shall be humiliated. You were humiliated for your sin but He is humiliated in order that those who have sinned may be cleansed, in order that they may receive that blessing which was pictorially given long before this in case after case to the various vessels in the temple as they were sprinkled, some of them with pure water, some of them with blood. Well, now this word here, as you notice, starting our next verse, read us the first two words of that verse, Mr.---. You will find that this word is used in Leviticus many, many times and it is invariably translated in those instances by our ancient translation "to sprinkle", whether he sprinkles water upon the vessels, whether he sprinkles blood upon the vessels, it indicates sprinkling something upon the vessels. The word, I believe, is never used in the . Well, now how do you get the idea of sprinkle in the history of them? You can assume it must mean to cause something to do something, being the , although the sometimes has an emphatic sense rather than a causative sense. It is usually a causative sense, and then you can try to get at what it must be that happens. The word means sprinkle, that is what it means any other place in the Bible that it is used, that is the only thing it is ever used in the Bible anywhere