

Isaiah 4

that passage to show that if they are going to reach that they've got to start now. He ties it up with himself, which is what is taught in 53. It is tied with trust. That is very definite. (Student) It refers to all of those who are members of the family of the Lord, the Lord's true people, whether they be now or in the future, all such are to be taught of the Lord, whether now or eventually. Yes, Mr.---? (Student) Verse 11 speaks of the one having previously been afflicted, tossed with tempest and not comforted. That would seem to perhaps have its greatest reference to the one who is undergoing particular afflictions. Now it says the barren one was affliction, the barren one, but the married woman is also undergoing affliction and whether this refers to both of them or only to the one is a little hard to make a hard and fast rule. (Student) Yes. It is gathered together eventually into one. The line between Jew and Gentile is completely broken down. Christ breaks down the middle wall of partition and it is eventually considered as one. Yes? (Student) Yes. (Student) It happens occasionally, not of course--well, I should say there are quite a few cases where it happens. You can find a number of analogies where passages are absolutely uninterpretable without them. (Student) I don't recall any case. That would look. The phrase "widow" is the thing that looks as if he is there speaking of those who have been the members of the covenant and who are temporarily cast out. Surely the term "widow" would seem most reasonable with that in that connection. Yes? (Student) Yes. Well, now what do you mean by children? Do you mean physical children or those who are members of the kingdom of God? Surely it means the latter. This is not saying, certainly, here that Gentiles will have more physical children than Jews nor is it saying that Jews in the future will have more physical children than they have had in the past. It is saying that there will be more members brought in to the family of God. (Student). The children of the barren one--now of course the barren one, unless you take it physically, is not an individual, nor is the married wife an individual. It is a figure for a large group of people. (Student) Well, not necessarily. It is speaking here of the children. The children are the saved, and the barren one might refer to