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into in it is in no sense a slam against us, but if this oil is going to be taken and used simply that one nation may become great in self, and may receive great pride and power and glory, then of course it is bad, but if it is going to be used to promote the welfare of the world it is good, but the use of the oil is in itself a good thing, and here we have the merchandise and the hire. It's not to be wrecked. The Lord is not saying, "There is going to be introduced a system in which there is going to be a welfare state and everything is going to be laid down and the Lord is going to simply say, "This is the way it is," and you sit around and strum harps all the time and do nothing and you're just happy. That isn't the way the Lord made us. The Lord will doubtless give us plenty to do in the millennium. We'll have activity. We'll have all the things that are right that we have in this life. The Lord wants us to work and toil and to accomplish and there is greater pleasure in work and in accomplishment than in anything else in life, and commerce and trade and business should be something that can be sanctified, not something which is unholy, if done in the way that Tyre is doing it in verse 17 there, returning to her hire and committing fornication with all the kingdoms of the world on the face of the earth, then it is evil; if done as in verse 18 as holiness to the Lord it is something that is good. Mr. Ludlam? (Student) It could very well be that but there is no reason to think it was. The, as a person reading it in Isaiah's time could very well say, "Yes, Tyre is going to be in captivity seventy years and then she is going to be--her merchandise and hire will immediately then be holiness to the Lord and be used for God's people, but we find that after seventy years Cyrus the Persian conquered Babylon and he released all the captured people. He released the Judeans; he released the people of Tyre and he released the people of many other lands, and he represented himself to them all as the one who delivered them from their slavery, and let them go free but still subject to him and Tyre is reestablished and becomes again a great city and Jerusalem is again reestablished, but there is no evidence that Tyre had any special