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Now, the division between ~~xxxx~~ 1 and ~~xxxx~~ 2 was made in a good place. The archbishop was quite wide awake that day, when he made that division, because it is a real division in the book. Chapter one is introductory, and chapter two begins his message. And he ~~g~~ begins his message, now, and gives what he is to give to the people and continues. What is the purpose of the ~~prophecy~~ ~~prophecy~~ prophecy, or God's purpose through the prophet in giving us verses 2 to 4. ^What is the purpose of these verses. Is it to show God's ~~pe~~ people the right things to do in a particular situation. Is that the purpose. Well, I am not sure that I can quite follow that we can say from those verses alone what they are. ^That is, it would seem to me that it is necessary to say, these verses are recapitulating the past history. They are ~~xx~~ telling how God blessed the people in the past. ^They ~~x~~ are saying that in the past God showed marvellous love to the Israelites in the wilderness, God made them holiness to the Lord, God protected them ; in a marvellous way, and why does He call attention to these things in the passage.

It is not simply a purpose of recounting past ~~xxxxxxx~~ history. that is not a purpose of prophecy. Simply to recount past history. ^But that is what he does here. He recounts God's ~~xxx~~ blessing upon the people in the past. Why does he do it. He does it to introduce verse six. And furthermore, to determine the purpose of this, you have to see what is the purpose of the thing which this introduces. And this introduces a statement in verse 6, thus saith the Lord, what iniquity have your fathers found in me that they are gone away from me and are walking after vanity and are become naked. Is it not possible, actually, to take verses 2 to 6 and to put ~~ix~~ it in together into a brief ~~xxxxx~~ summary this way. God says in the past I have wonderfully blessed you, done marvellous things for you, then why have you turned against me/ Well now, if that is the purpose of it, the purpose of the whole, is surely to rebuke the ~~xxx~~ people ~~x~~ for ~~xxxxx~~ their sins. I don't think that we can tell it until we get to ~~x~~ verse 6. 2 to 5, what is the ~~xxxxx~~ purpose? Well, it is to introduce verse 6. So, alone it is ~~xxxx~~ simply a recapitulation