

(question) I think the imperfect here indicates that it was a condition which was before and still continues, and they are still under God's special care. He said, I have shown you wonderful love in the past, and I have put you in a special situation where I would punish those who would injure you. And that is still in existence. It is still true. It has been so in the past and it will go on in the ~~fix~~ future. Why have you done this, then? What evil have you found ~~ixmx~~ in me that they have gone away from Him.

(question) If verse 3 stood alone, it would be a verse for encouragement, but I think as it stands it has to be taken as part of a passage. From verse 2 to verse 4 which is introductory to verse 5. And it is saying, I have done all these wonderful things for you, I have given you these mercies, I have given you all these things, and it still is true. And yet you have turned against me. Why is it. ~~ixmx~~ It is pointing out the blessing for purposes of rebuke. And the blessing ~~x~~ can be isolated and made a cause of wonderful encouragement, but I don't think that in the context that was the purpose of his giving it. We can derive it from it, but it is not the purpose of it. And so, we have, I ~~believe~~ believe, verse 2, then, in the light of verse 5, should be considered as having a purpose of rebuke. And that runs on through verse 5, and then verse 6. What is the purpose of verse 6.

Your fathers have gone away from me, and have ~~wik~~ walked after vanity and have become vain, and they did not say where is the Lord that brought us up out of the land of Egypt., and led us through the wilderness, through all kinds of desert, led us through all this, and I brought you into a plentiful country to ~~eat~~ eat the fruit thereof, but when you entered you departed ... (4 1/2) Instead of turning to the Lord and saying, where is the ~~Lord~~ God who has done all these things, how wonderfully true we should be to Him, you have defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination. Why is it. It is rebuke to the people. He said, I have ~~done~~ done all this for you, I have done all this for you, and yet you have defiled my lands. It is rebuke. Rebuke against sin. But rebuke against sin may be ~~given~~ given in the form of a declaration of punishment or be abominated, or it may be given in the ~~form~~ form of the unreason-