

Hebrew word rest has two meanings. It may mean to rest in the sense of sleeping, or it may mean to rest, like I rest the book on the table. And you can find ~~both~~ both uses of ~~the~~ the Hebrew word **נָחַ** very clear. You can't say what it is unless it is in the hiphil. In the hiphil you have two different forms with two different meanings. But in the other two you can't tell which of the two it is. And this is not hiphil here, so that it is a resting place, ~~or~~ but is it a place where he rests, or is it a place where he stays? And so you can not say that the Roman Catholic interpretation is necessarily correct that it refers to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. But it would seem to me that it rather means that when Christ comes back, He will be the root of Jesse, to the Gentiles will seek, it is not merely for the Jews, but also for the nations, and that fits in ~~w~~ of course, with what we have in chapter 2, and Micah 4, that all the nations shall come up to Jerusalem to hear the Word of the Lord. They shall say let us go unto Jerusalem, and hear the word of the Lord, for the rod shall go forth from Zion, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And then verse 11 to 16 is describing the opposition just before the return of Christ, the opposition which the Lord overcomes, and the regathering of Israel and the ^{division?} putting an end to the conditions between the Northern and the Southern Kingdom? Verse 13. The envy of Ephraim shall depart. The adversary of Judah shall be cut off. Ephraim shall not ~~en~~ envy Judah and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. And that is entirely true, that the division between the ten tribes is completely gone. There is no such thing now. And we now have the ~~the~~ kingdom of Israel established, - is that a beginning of this which precedes the return of Christ? I will say that it will occur just before. It never occurs ~~the~~ before, since the first coming of Christ, may be ~~the~~ - this is it. It certainly looks in ~~(the)~~ that direction. It looks as if the coming of Christ is right now. All of the other signs of His coming that may be given, are things that have happened at different times through the ages. They are now happening, far more greatly than others, before, but they can still be tremendously intense. But this is a new sign of the return of the Jews. A new sign that we have not had before in history. It may be that this is the return and yet, the return of the Jews can go much further than this, and consequently just how soon it would indicate, no body should be dogmatic, and the Lord doesn't want us to be dogmatic, because He says, in such