

Isaiah 3

Mr.---? (Student) Just as--and then can you fit just as, a little ?  
 Can you leave out any mention of Noah or the waters and tell us exactly what it is? What do you think? (Student) Yes. He is affirming the certainty of His plans. The waters of Noah came. He says they'll never come again. One thing which has happened which He says is not to be repeated. I have sworn that I would not be wroth with thee nor rebuke thee. When is the time that He says He will no more be wroth with Israel or rebuke Israel? Surely it is looking forward to the time when she is a nation born in a day, a nation entering into the kingdom. It is something which follows that which is predicted in c. 53, which is the full outworking of it. It means that after that this is the situation, that surely the wrath of the Lord which He says is for a moment appears to human eyes to be a rather long moment, even though in relation to the mercy of God it is a short period, and then it says, v. 10 stresses again as 9 the certainty of God's plan, that though the mountains and the hills be moved, His kindness will not depart from thee. This is not a specific prediction of the taking away of mountains, it is not a declaration of physical changes in the world. It is not a literal, physical statement. It is a comparison. No matter how sure and definite these mountains appear to you they will soon all be destroyed with the rain coming down and little by little tearing down those tremendous mountains, every year one ten-millionth of it disappears. The whole will disappear sooner than God's covenant will be removed. It is a figure from the mountains to show the stability of His assurance of His covenant. Nor shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee. All of it based upon the promises of the previous chapter. And I will make thy windows of--O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, I will lay thy stones with fair colors, - and then he describes the different precious stones to be used - and all thy children shall be taught of the Lord and great shall be the peace of thy children. The covenants of the time when God's Spirit enters into the hearts of the people and they are taught of Him. It would seem likely that somewhere here the attention changes