

## 5. Consideration of the argument as to theological viewpoint.

That is Driver's third argument--he says that the viewpoint is distinctly different in the two sections but under I would like to mention two sub-heads.

(a) There is no contradiction in theological viewpoint--only a different emphasis. One emphasizes the majesty of Jehovah and the other the infinity of Jehovah. Won't the God who is infinite almost necessarily be majestic. There is nothing alleged as to the theological viewpoint which shows a contradiction. A certain matter is mentioned in one part of Isaiah that is greatly stressed--and maybe is only mentioned in another part. I am sure that if you took an article that I might write on the millennial return of Christ and another on the time of the Rapture, you would find that many things that were merely mentioned in one would be stressed in the other and vice-versa because I would be dealing with a different subject. I don't think that you would find a contradiction but you would find a great difference in emphasis because I would be dealing with a different subject. You naturally emphasize the points that are relevant to the discussion, and it is true that these different matters are emphasized tremendously. But ~~there~~ there is no contradiction but just difference in emphasis.

(b) This difference in emphasis hangs together with the difference in historical background. Isaiah writing to people in Jerusalem, faced by a great Assyrian foe who threatens destruction of the city, but from which God declares that He will protect the city--He will carry on His own will but will punish the people for their sin and will eventually bring exile upon them--naturally he would stress the majesty of God and His power, and would stress the ability of controlling the great forces which are coming against him--would stress His holiness and punishment for the people in their sin. But one who is writing to people in exile with the city destroyed and all tangible marks of God gone, and the people down-trodden and under the domination of wicked men--that God is able to deliver them, is it not natural the infinity of God would be stressed as the Creator of all the universe and the one that holds mighty conquerors in the hollow of His hand and can change around all the situations in the world to His good. It fits the different historical background, so the change in theological viewpoint holds together with the change in the historical background.