

and I went up high to get a better view and I started across and I had another $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours left to get over there so that I could camp over and then I came to a place where the path wound around and here there was a big gully, and I was stuck at these various points but there was one little trail that was the simplest thing to follow and unless you found the right one it would take you several hours to get across. The first time that I went across, because I didn't know the way, I went away out of my way to get across and you might say that it is something like that in the case. To get up to this plateau it seems fantastic to get there--all this dividing up and making this from this age and this from this age, but if you take this natural way in no time you are there. This idea of the 2nd Isaiah is a way that has been used to lead thousands of people into the critical approach and lead into division of book after book and section after section. Of course from there you can go from this into any other section such as the Psalms. It is very easy to say, O this sounds like a period of frustration and must be from such a time, and this sounds like a period of exile and must be from such a time and pretty soon the Christian sees this easy approach through the 2nd Isaiah and yet not a valid approach. I think that I mentioned Prof. Braden of New Brunswick Seminary, author of Intro. of O.T. and he mentioned about not having any doubt about the unity of Genesis or the author of Pentateuch but when it comes to two Isaiahs, he said the matter was so evenly balanced, that I just can't make up my mind as to whether there is one or two Isaiahs-- I have tried to bring out what the result has been among students and how they don't stop with two Isaiahs but say that this latter part of Isaiah just happened to be written on the same scroll. How do you know? From the historical background. And from the evidence you apply that to the first Isaiah and then you almost inevitably go on and soon you have a third Isaiah and the books of 30 years ago ask how much was written by Isaiah. Did he live and the question comes from what time did each verse come and what are the evidences? So instead of taking the book as your authority and taking what it says and standing upon it, and soon you get into this method which runs riot in practically in every seminary which is over thirty years old and practically every university which has anything taught of the Bible. Now the N.T. does not undertake to tell us whether Isaiah is a unit or written by several writers, or Amos or Micah or Joel--there are as a hundred interesting questions that we might ask and take up to get information on them, and the N.T. doesn't