

name. There is not much in them that seem to talk about the immediate situation in Isaiah's day. They seem to look forward into the future and to give us a glimpse of the wonderful thing God is going to do when he established righteousness on the earth. And what a wonderful ending to the chapter. "Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously." The Isaiah apocalyp~~se~~ begins with this chapter. In some places the Arch Bishop didn't do such a good job of dividing chapters, but I don't think that can be said of this section here. This chapter is a unit. There is a quite definite change of thought in the beginning of the next chapter and a very marked switch from the subject of the previous chapter. The subject is a unit and we can study it as a unit. The first thing we do as we endeavor to see what it means is to see its natural division and I believe that most of you felt that the first half of the chapter was rather unified. There was discussion of desolation. Of emptying of the land, but people scattered abroad, defilement from the inhabitants of the land, the ceasing of joy, the city of confusion broken down; this section runs up to the end of verse 12 and verse 13 seems to come after this. It says, "When thus it shall be in the midst of the land among the people, ~~there shall be as the shaking of an olive tree.~~" It certainly does not precede it. 4 1/2 one step forward in the discussion and in verse 13 you have a very different note, you might think it was just part of what precedes. We have been seeing desolation and now we read that it will be like the shaking of an olive tree, and as the gleaning grapes after the vintage is done. The land is desolate and there is very little left. That is all that 13 might conceivably mean. But 13 leads right on to 14 and 15 and the first half of 16 which show very definitely that that is not what is involved in 13. They are talking there about the fact that the destruction is not complete. The desolation isn't all, there is something wonderful left. <sup>There are</sup> ~~there are~~ those who are still rejoicing and