

the priest, the servant, the master, all suffering equally. That seems to fit with the people of Israel, that Isaiah has talked about so much. And particularly in vs. 5 where it speaks; "because they have transgressed the laws, and changed the ordinance, and broken the everlasting covenant." There is much in this passage that suggests that we have here not a picture of a catastrophe, but a picture of the exile of the Israelites. That we have here a picture of the condition when all the Israelites are refused to by the attack of the Babylonians and the people of Judah being taken to exile, the land has been left desolate, the people have been scattered abroad, some to Babylon, some to Assyria, some down into Egypt, there is sorrow in the land, the city of confusion which would be of course Jerusalem, the city which should have been the city with single eye effort to follow the Lord, but had become a city of confusion of the people running this way and that seeking after their own lusts, and their own desires, the city of confusion was broken down and the city was left desolation and the gate was smitten with destruction. It would be a perfect picture of the exile in Judah, is it were not for the fact that so often it speaks of what happens to the earth, and that seems to make it a great

11 1/2 . All right, so let's look at the Hebrew. And the word "earth here is the same word that is translated land in the same passage and that is very inconsistent. occurs 9 times in the first 12 1/2 verses and if you translate it earth everytime there you have a picture of great cosmic disturbances, but if you translate it land every time, it fits perfectly with a presentation of a Babylonian exile. Well, which way did the A.V. take it, did they take it as earth, or did they take it as land? Is it cosmic, or is it local? Well, somebody, says, "Well, can't you tell by the word whether it is land?" No, you can't. You take an English word and you can't tell. By the word earth, you can't tell if its global or a little bit of soil. It can have two entirely different meanings. God made the earth. The man came in with his pail and he pound