

earth on the floor. Two entirely different meanings in English. The Hebrew doesn't have those two, but two of a different ~~sort~~ sort. The whole globe or one particular land. In the beginning God created heaven and earth. Which word is used? Abraham said to Lot, is not the whole land before you and Lot looked out at the whole Jordan valley and the same word is used. Moses looked out over the land, the same word, the word land, means a section, a country, an area, a ^{6 times} or the same Hebrew word means this whole globe and the A.V. puts down earth and three times translated it land. If they had done it the same way all nine times, we would have known what they thought. I think we should say that Perhaps two thirds of the committee thought that it referred to a cosmic disturbances and one third thought that it was a picture of Babylonian exile and so they compromised., but you can't strike a compromise. It's one or the other. And we should translate it ~~one~~ way and recognize this unified passage 1-12 as being one thing and vs. 13 certainly makes it quite evident that there is this one thing. ^{When thus it} ~~That/which~~ shall be in the midst of the land". ^yIt is a picture of the Babylonian exile. And that is what we expect in the prophets because they ~~are/like/were~~ ordinarily start with their own situation and go on from there and Isaiah has told us ~~that/it/it~~ in this book of the sin of the people and that exile is certain to come because of the way they have turned away from God and now here in ch. 24 as later on in ch. 40, he sets out to comfort the people. First, by giving the terrible picture of the suffering and the desolation that is bound to come as a result of their turning away from God, but then he gives them the comfort ~~that/it~~ That God is not through. Beyond the desolation, beyond the exile, God has a plan. God's word does not come to an end with the exile. 14 1/2 of God's testimony does not come to an end when the times of the Gentiles begin. God certainly does not stop there (end of record) m2

expression in these verses to the people of Judah, the people of Palestine, then he goes on to show the among the people that this is