

buried in a rich man's tomb, he made his grave with the rich man in his death. What heading are you going to put that under? How does it contribute to the progress of God's kingdom? Is it a sign of Christ's wonderful exaltation that he was buried in a rich man's tomb? No, there's no exaltation in that, it is no part of the glorious exaltation of Christ that he was buried in a rich man's tomb. Is it part of His humiliation that He was buried in a rich man's tomb? Unless you are a casuist you don't see any humiliation in that, "buried in a rich man's tomb". Does it contribute directly to our redemption that He was buried in a rich man's grave? No; how does that increase the effectiveness of the redemption which Christ made for us? It does not express that at all; it is just an incidental prediction which would never occur to a human being describing the wonderful way in which Christ is going to redeem us: what difference does it make that He was buried in a rich man's tomb? But it is a little incidental prediction of a fact that has no meaning other than that it is a fact, and is a seal and a sign and an evidence that God was speaking and that God was predicting this particular death and this particular situation. When you turn to the New Testament, you find how exactly it was fulfilled in the light of history. And God has put through the Scripture at many places these little incidental predictions, and shown us how they were fulfilled, as a sign and a seal and an evidence of the fact that His hand was in it, so that we should not be obstinate, so that we should not be like those described in Isaiah there, who say, Oh, it is pure chance, it is all a wonderful power. You take the wonderful predictions about the Jews, about their greatness, about their _____, about their achievements, in the Bible, the wonderful blessings God has brought them. I was talking to a young Jewish fellow in Philadelphia, and I said, "Isn't