

And they realized that this message~~x~~ was going to have great effect ~~after~~ long after Isaiah had given it. And so in ~~chaper~~ chapter ~~50~~ 40-55 the critics would ~~lik~~ like to say that the primary ~~for~~ background is exile and ~~deli-~~ deliverance from exile is the greatest ~~emphas-~~ emphasized theme, but they are wrong in saying that it is written at that time by an unknown man whose writings are spurious, and with the general viewpoint of his vocabulary. Some say it is almost like Isa. risen again from the dead. They are wrong in that, because a great part of the content of it is the argument that these are things I have predicted to ~~x~~ you before, you see that come to pass, and now there is going to be greater ~~things~~ things. I have given ...long before he came. And so Isa. 40-55 is not ...like ...that ...no, it is immediate in the time, ~~lik~~ but yet Israel ~~xx~~ with the major thought of the time ...The most conspicuous teacher of the early portion of Isa. is the emphasis on the release of the exile through Cyrus --the emphasis is not on the idea, not of the viewpoint ~~x~~ but of comfort, and in the course of this ~~emphas-~~ emphasis, this idea of the servant of the Lord is introduced very soon. Right here in 41 we have the first suggestion of it, and this idea of the Servant of the Lord, which is touched upon and touched upon, time after time, finally finds its great climax in Isa. 53 where you have that ~~marv-~~ marvelous picture of the one who will live a singularly ~~x~~ faultless life and yet suffer greatly, who will accomplish something that will last for all eternity, whose work fits precisely with the work that Christ performed on the cross. (Q) I would ~~thing~~ think that the ~~Spr-~~ Spirit of the Lord in one particular case, where it ~~spe~~aks of the work of my servant, that I would rule out, but in all others I think that it would refer to ...that ~~xtx~~ is, it would refer to a tremendous work ~~wit~~ which God ~~has~~ has determined to be accomplished and before it is accomplished ..he called Abraham. And this is the purpose of the establishment of the people of Israel, that this work should be accomplished. ~~But-it-is-~~ But it is the Servant of the Lord from the viewpoint of His responsibility, that represents the people of Israel