

Last time we were discussing the new section that I have been assigning to you in Isaiah, but probably still going to continue a bit further in the earlier section. I think we'll begin with looking at the later section a little. Take Isa. 41. What did you do with the ^{first} verse of that, Mr. Casner? I think a good deal more than that. Of course, you could use the word "power" simply to mean strength in any case. Then you could say "power of God" means anything that God's power does, but what we mean in these things by the power of God is the presentation to those people who now that the temple is destroyed, Jerusalem is gone, God's people taken into exile, tend to think that God therefore is powerless. It is evidence in order to convince them that God is supremely powerful and still exists, that He ~~exists~~, is glorious and all powerful. That is the meaning of our theme of power. I mean--all that we are expressing by the one word here. In other words, we are using it as a technical term for the purpose of our present chart to represent a particular idea. You probably never would use the word in exactly that full sense in any other connection, but here that is one of the great ideas that the prophet is anxious to bring out. Now is that idea brought out in v.1 here? What idea is brought out if not that? Power and comfort together Comfort? Where does comfort come in? What phrase in it speaks of comfort? Not in this verse but other verses. Yes, but this particular verse, what is he trying to get across here? Sounds like an invitation someone says, Is it an invitation to the Israelites? Is it? My, I never saw so many late before. We started with about three here. I'm glad you all got here because we are now dealing with material this is building step by step, and if you leave out one of the steps, I don't know of any way to make it up. It will mean that you can't get the next two weeks if you don't get one of the days now, but I'm