

Isaiah 1

combine them with something, with one section or the other, and so he combined them with what follows. Mr.—? (Student) Supposing that actually was the case here. Well, now, this next passage, then, starts with V. 7 and Verse 7, as I said, if you just take it absolutely alone, verses 1-6 would seem to go more with what follows, perhaps than what precedes, though not a great deal more. They're rather distinct. Verse 7 is quite clearly an individual talking who is not the Lord, and this individual is talking in the first person. Just before that the Lord was talking in the first person. Now an individual is talking, and before you get very long you find this individual is specifically praying. V. 15 on, he is definitely praying. "Doubtless, thou art our Father. O Lord, why hast thou made us to err from Thy ways? Oh that thou wouldst rend the heavens. Wilt thou restrain thyself for these things?" It is very clear that the prayer, which begins, you might say, in verse 15 of Chapter 63, runs all through Chapter 64. I see no reason in the world for making a chapter division at the end of Chapter 63, because those last five verses of it are very, very closely connected with what follows. It would seem to me that Chapter 64 ought to start earlier--at least as early as Verse 15.

Isaiah 2

Now if you are going to start the prayer which occupies the whole of the twelve verses of Chapter 64 with Verse 15 of Chapter 63, that would only make that chapter seventeen verses in length and leave the previous one fourteen. That would certainly be a more reasonable division than the one you have here, but when you do that, then you think, "What about verse 7 through verse 14? What does that connect with? As Verse 7 starts, you seem to have a declaration, a wonderful declaration of the praise of God. "I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord and the praises of the Lord." The Lord has done these wonderful things. He has said, "Surely they are my people, children that will not lie:" so He was their Saviour. In their affliction He was afflicted, and the angel