

Isaiah 2

ancestors through the hand of Moses?" The Spirit of the the Lord caused them to rest. Like a beast that goes down into the valley, so didst thou lead thy people to make thyself a glorious name. God in the past has shown wonderful loving kindness and mercy to Israel, and now Israel has rebelled and vexed the Spirit of the Lord and God has become the enemy of the people of Israel and God has turned against the people of Israel. Now, since God has done this and turned against them they are praying Him to remember the days of old and how He used to bless them in the past and bless them again, and so you have the prayer which runs from seventeen, from 15 on, surely introduced by what goes back to V. 7 and once you recognize the prayer of Chapter 24 as beginning in 63:7, immediately you feel a great difference between it and what preceded. One of the outstanding divisions of the book is between 6 and 7 here. I would say that the section of the book which began in Chapter 56, Verse 6 was it? There you have a section from 40 to 56 there, a long section, and it ends in the middle of a chapter and we have a new section starting, you remember, a long section, and that ends here with Verse 6. Now we have a section starting which runs to the end of the book; a vital division within the book. Now this new division of the book begins here, then, with a prayer, and you ask yourself, "Does this division run to the end of the book, or not?" Well, we've noticed we have usually fairly long divisions and here, after all, is only three and a half chapters left of the book. It would be natural to think it might run to the end rather than to be just a lot of short sections and when you have a prayer it would be natural that you might have an answer given to the prayer and in what follows God is speaking of the future of His dealing with His people and therefore this would seem quite natural to think that you have here from 63: 7 on a prayer and God's answer to the prayer. A prayer given in a chapter and a half here, and then two chapters giving us God's answer to the prayer. As you read these verses here you read a wonderful plea, Israel says to God, "Doubtless thou art our Father." Verse 15, "Look down from heaven, and behold from