

Isaiah 7

in that way. It is not a word which ordinarily introduces a purpose clause, in order that. That's more apt to be " ", not " ". If you don't read in this purpose idea, which is not in the original, "he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he who sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth". That might fit with the previous verse, but then you go on, "because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes." What has that got to do with it? That's not a description of the calling of the Gentiles; it is not a description of the change during this present period. What has it to do with what precedes. My personal suggestion is that we begin the second part of the chapter with Verse 16 instead of with Verse 7, and I feel that V. 16 makes perfect sense in connection with what follows, rather than with what precedes. Now, Mr. ---, what was your question? (Student) I think in V. 13 and in 14 that the servants refers to those who are the followers of the Servant of God, the followers of Christ, which would mean the Christians in this age, partially Jewish but predominantly Gentile. (Student) That's right, and we find Israel hungry and the Christians filled, on the whole, even though there are exceptions to it both ways. (Student) I don't believe so. No. I think it follows the promise of V. 9 that He will bring a Seed out of Jacob and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains. I think the whole chapter from V. 1 through V. 15 is a description of the present period. As the apostle Paul interprets Verses 1 and 2, I think the whole chapter is to be interpreted through Verse 15. I think it is a description of the present period when God turns away from Israel to the Gentiles. Israel says, "Those people weren't called by your name. They are outside the kingdom. We are thine. Thou never bearest rule over them." They say, "Our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary. Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance." God says, "No." He says, "My servants are going to be the followers of my Servant. He says, "I am turning away from you." He says,