

Isaiah 7

This word " " is translated "because" in V. 16. "For". You might say, if you want to be consistent, just read it with the Hebrew. " " the former troubles are forgotten, and " " they are hid from mine eyes. " ", behold I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered nor come to mind. Make it "for" in all three cases, make it "because" in all three cases. I doesn't matter which, but why should you take the first two as the end of one section and the next one at the beginning of a new section? I don't say it is impossible to, but it seems to me altogether reasonable to consider the possibility that they belong together, and that our section begins not with V. 17 but with V. 16. Now if that is the case, we have from Verse 16 to 25 one unified section. If you think you can make out a way of connecting Verse 16 up with what precedes, you will then have to admit at least that from V. 17-25 we have a unified section, or if you want to say, "No, 17 is a section all by itself, all right, then at least from 18-25 we have a unified section. At least we have a unified section from 18-25 or, as I think, from 15 to 25, and this unified section here is the second part of the chapter and is the answer to the other half of the answer to the prayer. The prayer says, "Oh, God, it looks as if your work is all gone to pieces. It looks as everything has come to nothing. Your holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. Are you going to refrain yourself for these things. Are you just going to let them go this way?" God says, "No, I am not." They say, "We are your people. You are our father. You are our Redeemer. Your name is everlasting. Return for our sakes, the people of your holiness. We are yours. You never bore rule over them. They weren't called by your name. Return for our sakes and remember the blessings you gave to our ancestors." God says, "I do remember," and God says, "I am going to bring blessing. God says, "I am going to bring blessings which will be blessings for Jews and blessings for Gentiles. I am going to bring blessings which will be a removal of the curse and I am going to bring blessings which will be an end of all this time of war and turmoil and misery which is on the earth. I am going to bring a period in which all this will be at an end; the former troubles will