

Isaiah 10

know. In the interpretation of the Bible as in all sciences we are picking up here and there and getting more and more truth but that which we get we can stand on. It is solid and we step forward into more and more and we must be ready to revise anything on clear evidence that it needs to be revised but our great main conclusions, it's very unlikely will ever be revised and we can get down to comparatively minor conclusions of a great many of which we can be very confident as the amount of evidence piles and we see how it all fits together.

Now, Chapter 66 I would like to say just a word about. There isn't much time left but I would like to say that it impresses me that Chapter 66 is a second section of the answer to the prayer in 63:7-64:12; that 66 is a continuation of the answer but a continuation of the answer in which Israel is perhaps more particularly in view than it is in view in the previous chapter; that is to say that 64 brings the answer to the prayer; the first/^{was} the turning to the Gentiles, the calling of His people by another name and a curse upon those who are Israel only in name. That is the first part, and in the second part, ^{great} this/millennial blessing in which all the world, Israel and the Gentile believers, all are to participate and to enjoy, but then in 66 He looks back again to the people who have made the prayer and He speaks to them and gives them both aspects but deals with it, not simply a long passage on one and a long passage on the other but with a certain amount of alternation as He looks at the two aspects which have already been suggested so clearly in the long discussion of these in Chapter 65.

Isaiah 11

So in Chapter 66 if that is the case it is very interesting that the chapter begins with what is almost unquestionably a reference back to the prayer. What was the great appeal of, with which the prayer ended? The people said to God in Verse 11, "Our holy and our beautiful house where our fathers praised thee