

inquisition. It may be also for the early Christians in the time of the persecution. It has helped to cause people in all times of persecution and ~~it~~ difficulty, but that is the first great period of that type of thing which came after its writing, and that was a very very serious one, and it surely is reasonable to say that one of the primary, perhaps you can say The primary purpose, and then call all other periods of persecutions secondary purposes, related to and deriving from the primary purpose of the writing of the book of Daniel. I don't think that is at all unreasonable.

Question:

AAM: Yes, there probably were at periods, but there is no evidence of any great one, ~~anything~~ anything to compare with the later time. And that particular Psalm might possibly relate more to the conquest than to what happened after the conquest. There was a time of terrific difficulty ~~at~~ at the time of the conquest, when the people were marched off ~~across~~ across the desert into exile. But that was a time when you might say they didn't have any ~~real~~ choice in the matter, just herded together, and marched across the desert, and put in these other place, is a brief time, a terrible time, but not a time like the periods of persecution, when over a considerable period the question is ~~is~~ facing a man, Shall I obey God, or shall I obey the wicked commands of an ungodly ruler? I think we can safely say that the primary purpose of it was to prepare the people for the Maccabean persecution. Not the exclusive purpose, it is to prepare God's people for all times of similar difficulties.

Now that being the case, it is easy to see how the critics go a step further. There is a book by Ira M. Price, which I intended to bring here today, but didn't. Ira M. Price was professor in the U. of Chicago a good many years ago. He seems to have been a very godly man. He was a cousin of Dr. Seville's, by the way. And Ira M. Price, who wrote the book called the Old Testament and the Monuments a book which is on the whole very conservative, in this book he speaks about Daniel, and he takes up the matter of Belshazzar and several other matters showing where the critical attacks on the book are not justified, how archaeology defends the belief that the book was written at the time of Daniel. But then,