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check to say, "Now, be careful that you get this correct." Therefore, I will divide Him a portion with the great and will divide the spoil with the strong. Well, that is the main theme of ms most of the verse. That's the conclusion. He is going to rescue many from Satan. He's going to deliver them.

This is what's going to happen. It has not happened when Isaiah speaks. But

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neither has it happened when , if you look at the view-jpoint of the Kings who, say Constantine, he fea- hears of the wonderful things that have happened. He ha- hears about Christ's death. Well, they say, you tell them, "I will apportion a division with the great. He will divide the spoil." Well, in the will of God the elect have been saved before the foundation of the world. H Jesus is the lamb slain before the foundation of the world. Yes, in the view of God. In principle the thing has been accomplished at the death of Christ. But in out-working it has not been accomplished as long as there are people who are still going to be borne in sin, who are going to live in sin, who are going to be saved through Christ. There are those who are yet going to be taken by Him from Satan. So this is a declaration which looks forward to the future and sees the great work of Christ through the ages as He delivers individuals from sin-Satan. It covers all the deliverance up to the time when we are like Him, because we see Him as He is. And when that time comes, we will see Him with a great portion which He has taken away from Satan. So we think of God here as speaking as pictured as if He is speaking, after the crucifixion. That's the point of thought in this verse. Therefore, I give apporition--give of a portion with the great. Therefore, He will divide the portion with the strong.

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