or it could be that it made enabled David to conquer these various countries, and we are to have similar x mercies, but of course that hardly fits. If this is a description w of the-meric- mercies which are offered to those the who will incline-an their ear and come and their soul shall live, if it is a description of that, then it describes something that has been done or is being done that affects us. I think that fits with the idea of the perfect anyway, Because the perfect is not so much a mattder of time as it is of condition the imperfect is action goi g t on. I have given him--this is an established thing--God has established ... it is the wt witness of the nations that is tied up t with & David or with God)s wonderful promise to David, His blessing is to come to him and through him. It is translated by put or place... I noticd here in the Englishman's Hebrew cond- concordance, where you have all the cases. when- where Nax Nathan is used with the translation into English, we see that in the great bulk of cases it is translated give, but in Geneis Genesis 9:13 it- I do set by- may bow in the clourd clourds. It is a gift of God to put up his bow as a giv- gift of His grace, of His mercy and His promise that he wont destroy the world again; it is a gift but we translate it set, because the gift consists in establishing in a definite way, and we have it xtranslated quite a number of times, to put them in ... put the x... they are the action of one who ... a f gift in that sense ... but it may be ... in a certain situation. It is of course a very, very common verb, but now we have in Jeremiah 26, he said theynwill I make this heurs house like Shiloh, we I am going to give punishment in this way, that this house will be come like ^bhiloh. I will establish this situation, and so here where God has called on people to come and receive his marvelous blessing, he says the sure merices of David, He says Behold I have give-h-. I think it ma- means more than a gift gift from God to David or a gift from God