

introduction to the wonderful teaching of how this people is going to be delivered from sin. Now, when we get into chapter 53, there is nothing about exile whatever. It is all about deliverance from sin. Now, you get into the beginning of 55. Here we have this wonderful gospel call. There is no reference to the exile whatever. There is nothing. ^{up to this point,} There is no direct evidence. / so all of sudden, you are going to go forth with joy... being led ... in peace. Well, you have not had it in the midst of the exile. Does that have anything to do with exile? And yet, we have had so much from 40 on, including chapter 52, that it is not at all unnatural that we get back to the exile. He is saying here that the Israelites here ... the marvellous blessing... God is going to give this blessing... that His word will not return in void. You are going to be led forth with joy. You are going to go with joy.... you are going to be led forth in peace. Here are some Israelites there in exile... who were anxious to get back to the land of Israel... that fits exactly with ... If there is so much, I cannot help thinking that it is His intention ~~that~~ to touch the hearts of these in exile... all these marvellous blessing... I want you to come to the Lord, turn away from sin, he will give you, turn away from sin. Then ~~He~~ reminds them again ... deliver from exile... but then the words will not fit ... the general ... of the whole passage... the words are not specifically mentioned, but they still with the general of the whole passage... the wonderful God and all... not merely ... all ...Cyrus conquers Babylon. (9.25) ;... from our sin, and the background of our misery that came upon us because of our sin... we go out, even as the Israelites went out of Egypt, we go out with joy, and the Lord is going to ... His people. I think that it is actually both ... I do not think that it teaches this or that. He says that both are ~~in~~ teaching directly teaching on their ... teaching directly with a little allusion to the exile upon the people-~~for~~ for whom it is first written. Of course, right there the critics say that it was written for the people in ^{the} exile, and we say, No, Isaiah wrote. But this part is all about the exile, and then how could have Isaiah written? Well, I think... the Northern kingdom already ^{had gone} got to the exile, and the southern