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would think that it would be entirely reasonable to put it under Babylon, but not 100 per cent certain. I wouldn't consider it wrong if it wasn't put so but I think that is the most reasonable interpretation of it. Now, v. 13 is what, Mr.---? (Student) ^{41:13} Yes, v. 13 is specifically deliverance. God is not saying, "Be comforted, be of good cheer, but He is telling them why. Because He is going to help them, and what about 14, Mr.---? (Student). 14 is still deliverance. Jacob may be just a worm, very slight in power, but God is going to protect. Now, Mr.---, did you have a question there? Nothing more than weakness. Now if you feel that it's the other you can make a note for it on the side, and if you find enough with that thought, make a heading, but I question in this verse--now you said, "Frequently, didn't you?" What, before this, did we have it in? 40:27? Why does J_AC_OB say, "My way is hid from the Lord and my judgment is passed over from my God"? That is a thing that many very godly people have said when adversity has come to them. They have said, "Oh, God has forgotten me. He's not interested in me." They've been utterly wrong in doing so but I think it has been a manifestation of lack of faith, rather than of actual sin. Where else, then? (Student) 27-31? Of c. 40? No, I don't find any there in chapter 40. (Student) deliverance, certainly, but I don't think the thought of Israel as being a little character has yet come to light in these chapters. I'm not saying it won't, but I don't think we have it at yet. Mr. ---? (Student) Well, that's what Isaiah does. All right, Psalm 22--is that where he says, "But I am a worm". That's a very good point indeed. In Psalm 22:6, the Lord said, "But I am a worm," and He doesn't mean, "I'm a little character." He means, "I'm weak." (Student) That's right. And if a worm today means a low character, it doesn't prove that it did in Isaiah's day. That's quite right, But it certainly didn't in the psalmist's day and which place Isaiah's day would be is a matter for study and consideration. Mr.---? (student) Yes. That's doesn't touch on its moral character at all but it does show that God is going to make Israel strong, going to make them a threshing instrument with teeth. God's deliverance, still, in 15. Making this worm, this insignificant one