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Babylon unless the cause of the Babylonian captivity is dealt with. You have to get to the heart of things. You have to get to the root of them. There are modernist churches and modernist groups which are issuing today some publications which have many good ideas in them, although a great many which are very bad in them, but there are many good ideas about getting justice among people

brotherhood and peace among the nations, many good ideas that ought to be made effective, but they will never be effective from the viewpoint at which they are going at it because they are going at the symptoms instead of the causes. They're going at the outward working of sin in the life instead of seeing that the cause of all the trouble is sin and that by bringing people to deliverance from sin you'll do far more to promote world peace and human brotherhood than you can possibly do by dealing directly with these problems themselves. Well, now for today we had, we went through c. 53:4 and I think it is not jumping too far ahead perhaps to say that for tomorrow we will only take eight verses of the Hebrew, only through v. 12, and that I will not call on you for that though, those last eight verses until Thursday, but that is the assignment for tomorrow, those eight verses, and the assignment for Thursday consists of this: take Isaiah 52:13 to 53:12. Take that section there and see if you can notice certain themes in it which are expressed repeatedly. Take each line, not each verse, but each line and make it as a theme and if you find something said about the humiliation of the servant you might make a brown line to express humiliation and if you find your next three words express exaltation, you might make a purple line to show exaltation. If you find His redemption expressed, you might make a red line to show redemption, and take a few main themes like that if you find it running over and over in that section from 52:13 to 53:12 and see if each line can't be pretty well put under one of these main themes. You'll find a few that don't quite go under them but most of them will go under a few main themes. Now the suggestion which I made of color is one which I used once. You may use some other signification if you prefer, but make it clear how for Thursday.