

Prophets -23-

Lord will cause Cyrus to give his proclamation that the Lord, that you are of the day by the order of the greatest monarch/to be free to take the vessels of the Lord and to go back with help from the empire of Cyrus, to go back to Jerusalem and there to take the vessels that he gives you to reestablish your national land. The Lord will go before you and the God of Israel will be your reward. Well, what's the use of this material deliverance if there's not a deliverance from sin. What is the point of being set free in a material way if we are not set free from the sin that causes all the material suffering. The sin question must also be dealt with or this is of no value. And now we have another poem about the Servant which begins here in v. 13. It is the last of the Servant poems. Reference to the Servant of the Lord does not occur again in the book of Isaiah after this chapter which begins with 52: 13 and ends with 53:12. Too bad the archbishop's horse was a bit unruly that day because the beautiful chapter is split in two parts. It is very unfortunate. Many a person, as I, myself, in my youth had learned the 53th chapter and thus started this wonderful passage three verses further on than it should be started. It's very clear, of course, that it starts with v. 13. Behold, my Servant shall prosper, shall deal prudently, shall accomplish His work. The Hebrew word, as you know, is " ". It is a little difficult to translate exactly into English. The Hebrew word there means the combination of doing things wisely and doing them successfully, or accomplishing the work He sets out to do, and so for tomorrow you indicate. "Behold my servant shall deal prudently," the accomplishment of the work of the Servant. He will be successful in it. Then He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. What does that indicate? That's the exaltation of the Servant. He will be exalted and extolled and very high. As many were astonished at thee--what does this word astonished mean? (Student) That is the conclusion we would naturally jump to, that it means "astonished", and if that is right, why didn't he say "astonished? The fact