

## Prophets -23-

of the matter is that an old English word is used here which does not mean "astonished" but means "astounded". It is quite similar but not identical. The keepers were astonished. They quaked, they were astonished when the angel of the Lord let the people out. They are filled with terror. They are overwhelmed with consternation. You would never say, "He was astonished when he saw his son come back from the war safe and alive." You would never say that. "He was astonished when he received a telegram that his son had<sup>been</sup> killed in the war," yes. It is astounded. It is not astonished, and there have many people been led into great misunderstanding of the succeeding verses through thinking that this old English word astonished, means astonished. As many were astounded at thee; His visage was so marred more than any man and his form more than the sons of men: so shall He sprinkle many nations. Now in c. 52 we have "thee" and "thou" used many times, in the chapter, and if you go through the chapter (we've gone through most of it), what does "thee" and "thou" and "thy" usually refer to? Whom does it refer to? It refers to Israel. In this chapter repeatedly, the background in this chapter here, he is addressing Israel. Now in v. 13 he begins to talk about the servant, and in what person does he speak of the servant? (Student) The third person. He calls the servant, "He". The servant, the true Israel, the One Who accomplishes the work<sup>of</sup>/Israel, a work which is done for Israel as well as for the rest of the world, is spoken of, in v. 13-15, is the servant always spoken of in the third person? How many think He is? In verses 13 - 15 in every reference to the servant, is the servant spoken of in the third person? Or, how many think the servant is spoken of in the third person whenever the servant is spoken of in v. 13-15? Raise your hands. How many think that some other person is occasionally used of the servant? What other person? (Student) Second person, which has previously here been used of Israel through the chapter is suddenly used of the servant. Perfectly possible. We can start talking to Israel and start talking to the servant, but it is not quite the usual thing, if I am talking to you and then