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his situation of mind, and astounded gives a rather false impression. Mr. ---?

(Student) Yes. Yes, that would be a possible interpretation which I had never thought of, a very interesting one, and it to some extent does remove the objection that I raised to the comparison of this with the next verse instead of with the last half of this verse. It to some extent removes that objection. As to the meaning of "sprinkle", I think we'll leave that until we come to the next verse but I am glad that Mr. Lyons brought it in at this point, the reference to it, because that is a possible interpretation which, if you take, the "Just as many were astounded at thee", there would be good reason for the "so" later on, but I don't think it quite justifies it in skipping the last half of this verse and making it parenthetical. Since we had a "so" earlier, it surely is reasonable to consider the possibility whether the comparison is already there between Israel's condition and His, and then in addition to that it would seem to me that if you take this suggestion, very interesting suggestion, then the last half of v. 14 is left without much connection with anything. "As many were astounded at what happened to Israel" parenthesis "He is going to be humiliated, so, will He overwhelm the nation." It leaves His humiliation sort of hanging in the air without much to connect it with, while His humiliation surely is a perfect counterpart to the suffering which Israel has gone through even though it is also true that if you take "sprinkle" as meaning "spattering with their blood in judgments", then if you do have a good comparison . So I am inclined to feel that on the usual interpretation of v. 15 that there is no relevance to the Revised Version interpretation. On the one that Mr. Lyons has mentioned now as a possibility, there would be a good relevancy to it, but it leaves the last half of it hanging in the air, which is introduced by a and which would seem to be a proper comparison with it. Mr. ---?

(Student) Yes. Well, let's leave the 15th for the next, till we come to it.

If you have three statements, you can say, "Here is the first, the second is related to it. Now, the third, does that relate to the second or does it start