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undergo a humiliation? Israel has undergone humiliation for its sins. It has done that which was wrong and it deserves humiliation and suffering and its humiliation is such that it is reduced to hardly seem like a nation. They're scattered abroad in Babylonia. They lose their national existence. There's reason for it. They have sinned. They deserve it, but why should the servant be treated in a similar way? We, in v. 14, have no reason given why the Servant should be treated that way, but we have a comparison stating that He was to be treated that way. But there is an analogy between the suffering which Israel has undergone for its sins and the humiliation and suffering which the Servant is to undergo, and the verse doesn't tell why He should undergo it although you will recall that there abundant explanations in the next chapter of why the Servant undergoes humiliation and suffering. He undergoes it not for His own sin but in order that He may bear the sin of many. So we have then, in this verse, a comparison; just as people have been astounded at the way Israel has suffered, has been wrecked and put in a condition where it hardly seems like a nation, similarly He is to be put into a situation where He hardly seems human, He is so humiliated and put through such suffering, and then again we have a verse which begins with a "so". Well now "so" coming after may mean a comparison, as that was, so this is to be. That is a common use of change--so, but there are other possible meanings of "so". This may be a comparison, what else might it be? The best idea is, of course, is the "so" idea again--comparison. Mr. --- (Student) It is. Yes. Exactly. (Student) Well, you mean with the idea that 52 is beginning with judgment, judgment of the nations. from that we would have to examine the question, "How much judgment of the nations do we have in this chapter? Is that the real thing involved? You get into 53, you do not have judgment of the nations. You have <sup>is</sup>redemption of the nation. /Judgment of the nation expressed in 15 and on. If judgment of the nation is, then perhaps you have just a little preview there of what is coming in the latter part of the passage. I don't like to say in 53 because really this <sup>is</sup>one chapter. The chapter should have started here, but if you take your section as beginning with v. 13