

Clear up the difficulty so the people can come back and see the emotion of it fits with the return from exile, but there is no ordinance to specifically tie it to the exile, and as you get on further, and in your study you will see the real answer is not deliverance from exile, important as that is, but it is twice the (3¹) and then you come back to this and see how this fits with Christ, even better, than it did with the return from exile. And this is the picture then from that viewpoint of the forerunner. John the Baptist. "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord." "And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it ~~gmk~~ together." How wonderful that God's glory is revealed, and His people who were captives, taken prisoner, held in subjection, can be released, and let go. Yes, but how much greater, when the glory will be revealed, in the presence of His own son, who is God incarnate, "And all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." You say, how wonderful. The mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. The word of God. The emphasis on God's knowledge of the future. The temple is gone. The city is gone. The signs of God's power are not here anymore. How do we know God even exists. Well, the mouth of the Lord has spoken, and told us what is going to happen, and when it comes to past, you can say, here's a proof, that God exists. That God is powerful. He could tell of the work in advance. "The mouth of the Lord has spoken it."

God is hard to believe in, after His city is destroyed, His temple is destroyed, and you have the great glory of the gods of Babylon. And in that situation there is need, the people be comforted with assurance of God's omnipotence, and God's power, in chapters 40 to 50 contain more emphasis on the glory of God and His creative power, than any other part of the Bible, with the exception of the last part of the book of Job. It is the great passage for this theme; the omnipotent God. And how are we to know the omnipotence of God. There is no evidence of His power, except the creation of course, which everybody can see, but of His immediate situation that God even exists, there is no sign. How can you know? By fulfilled prophecy. His omniscience. The fact that He knew the future from the beginning, and He has declared it. There is ~~mm~~ more evidence in these chapters on the argument from fulfilled prophecy than in the rest of any other section of the Old Testament. It is the great section for this theme, because this is where that fits. It is so particularly practical in this