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Lord Jesus Christ Himself applied these words to His hearers, as did also the apostle Paul.

The chapter, which is principally one of blessing for the prophet rather than for the people as a whole, ends on the note of blessing for the people. It is true that punishment for sin will continue until cities are waste without inhabitants, houses are without men, the land is utterly desolate, and the great exile has come. Yet verse 13 promises that there will still be a remnant. A holy seed will remain. After God's great judgments have been poured out upon the earth, He will still preserve a purged and cleansed group of true believers. This concludes our consideration of the first portion of the book of Isaiah. Chapter 7 begins a new section, "the Book of Immanuel." It is a section which contains many difficult problems, but which presents some of the most inspiring glimpses of truth contained anywhere in the Old Testament.