

does not mean something bad or something good. It means the means the interference of a greater power to make a great change. And so when it says, And after many days shall they be visited, it means that a great change is made there by the intervention of a power far superior  $\phi$  to that of those world rulers of this darkness. Now the RSV simply translates it: After many days shall they be punished. And that is an altogether proper translation but it does not give the full meaning of the word. It is a possible translation: He's going to put them in the prison there, and they are going to stay there many days and then they are going to be punished. Sounds like somebody talking about our courts. They take somebody and put them in there a few years before they finally get around to trying them and give them their punishment. I don't think Isaiah is speaking here about how slow God is about carrying out His results, his judgments. Why didn't God punish them immediately? What's the point of saying, they are going to be there many days and then after that they will be visited.

Well, ~~that~~ take it in the other sense. God visited his people in bringing the end of the famine. Does it mean that God intervened to make a change in the condition of these people a change which is for the better of these imprisoned rather than a change for the worse in now giving them their final punishment? Well, Franz Deleitsch in his Commentary says, It is impossible to read this verse without immediately thinking of the passage in Rev. 20 where we read that God is going to take Satan and going to bind him for 1000 years so that he cannot deceive the nations during that time, but that at the end of the 1000 years he is going to be loosed from his prison and go out and deceive the nations in the four quarters of the earth. So it would seem most reasonable, ~~we~~ <sup>to</sup> say, that God gave Isaiah a view not only of the great progress of God's word throughout the world; not only of the difficulties we are to face, and the apostasy and the denial and the turning against God which He is going to permit to happen in these latter days, but that He gave him a vision of the very end of the age when Satan would be bound for 1000 years and then loosed for a little season. And then in the last vs. he describes what will happen during that period when Satan is bound: "Then shall the moon be confounded and the sun ashamed when the Lord of Hosts -- our Lord Jesus Christ who is God himself -- when the Lord of Hosts shall reign in Mt. Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before His ancients gloriously.