

Chapel 2/5/74 Jeremiah

So that in a quick glance you see all the passages. Now of course if there are only one or two passages where a word occurs it may be a difficult problem to know the exact meaning of the word. If there are a great many it may be difficult because of the amount of material to look over. But when you have a case like this with maybe c. 20 usages, it is quite simple to examine the cases where it occurs and see what it means, and get an exact idea of what this word patha means. Now patha means to lead one into a course of action which he would not undertake if he had a full understanding of what all its implications would be or where it would lead him. The trans. entice is not a very "Deceive" is definitely not a good translation because there is absolutely no idea in the word of telling a lie. "Entice", I believe the RV said "entice", that might be a fairly good trans. but it is not because in our Eng. use "entice" has something of the flavor as "seduce". It is a little of the flavor of leading a person into wickedness or into evil and that is not included in this word as is easily seen by an examination of the context. The idea is that it may be that that into which one is led is evil, as when in Prov. we read; My son let not sinners entice thee. But that is not contained in the meaning of the word. In most cases there is no such idea at all in that w into which people are led. It does not mean simply "persuade." It does not mean "present arguments," on the basis of which you will make a careful study and reach a conclusion. It means lead you in some way so that you go into something of which you do not fully realize the implications and the results. And of course it is true that God pathas everyone of us. Because God leads us without giving us a full understanding of where we are going and what the results are going to be. We don't know what is ahead in accordance with His plans. But in the case of Jer., he looks back on how God said, I have called you; I wanted you to be my prophet; I'm going to protect you; I'm going to be with you as you do the things I want you to do, and Jer. said: Lord I can't speak. And God