

but I think there is good ground for thinking it may refer to the blessing that God gave Israel, and the great blessing he gave him was giving him salvation through the salvation that God was going to bring, through the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. But the more Israel was called by the prophets--the original says "they" not "I"--the more the prophets called Israel the further they went from him. They sacrificed to the Baals and burned incense to images.

If we did not have the NT light on it we would simply say he is using Israel here as standing for the nation. But in view of the way Isaiah looks forward to Christ and then back to the immediate situation, I think that in view of Matthew saying "this it was fulfilled" we are altogether justified in taking it here in that way, that it was definitely looking forward to Christ. I do not feel there is any validity in the attitude of those who say, Whatever happened to Israel must happen to Christ for Israel is a type of Christ. You could certainly say Napoleon was a type of Hitler, but as to how many things are similar in the life and career of Napoleon and of Hitler? There are types but I would say they are identified as such.

To take two similar things like Antiochus and Antichrist and say that one is a type of or figure of the other, seems to me quite unwarranted. I believe the Scripture is ordinarily speaking about one or about the other.

When I finished seminary I went over to Germany and studied two years there under some of those great scholars in the U. of Berlin. I attended the last series of public lectures that was given by Adolph von Harnack whom some have called the greatest theologian Germany ever produced. His last series of lectures was given in a large room--quite a bit larger than this. Wooden floor. No carpet on the floor. It was customary there that if you desired to do so you could go and put your calling card on a desk. Once it was you would write a certain hour of the week, and then that was your seat during that particular class.

We American students all went ahead of time. There were 5 or six of us. We put our names on the front row. One day I came to class and found the two Americans on both sides of me were not there that morning. But this was the desk on which my card was placed and I sat there in front of prof. Harnack. He was discussing the origin of the NT canon. He said there are those who wish that the OT had simply been lost when the NT was written. That it disappear. He said, I do not personally feel that way. If I had my way, he said, I would print the NT like the German Bibles print the Apocrypha! --at the end with the appendix in small type with the words: These are books not inspired but useful for reading.

When he said that the German students all over the room hit upon the floor with their feet. That was the way of applause at that time! You would go that way on the wooden floor. It would