

Now I think this is sufficient to bring out what we must recognize as the three main sections of the books simply from the viewpoint of the difference in style, and you will notice other differences also which are in the section. Now let us look also at the first main section of the book. Chapters 1 to 35. In this section let us see if we find within it a part that is different from the rest. I think that here we will find a section which we might say is similar to the Appalachian Mountain chain which we find in the eastern part of the United States. That is to say it is a section which is different from that which precedes and follows, but not as much different as the narrative section is from the other part of the book. I refer to the section which begins with chapter 13 and runs through chapter 23. This is a section of the book which is still prophetic discourse like precedes and what follows, but which differs in that it is plainly addressed not so much to the future of Israel as to the future of the four nations of which Israel has to do. Chapter 13 for instance begins with the word "The Burden of Babylon which Izziah the son of Amos did see". In chapter 15 the title is "The Burden of Moab" Chapter 17 begins with the words "The Burden of Damascus". 18 begins "Woe to the Land showing with wings which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia. 19 is "The Burden of Egypt"- 21 is the Burden of the Desert of the Sea - 23 is the Burden of Tyre." There are other statements within this section entitling parts of it as the Burden of various lands against which Izziah is declaring the displeasure of God. These sections then have to do with four nations primarily rather than with Israel. These are sections which I fear we can't neglect. There are great lessons in them for us, but they should be studied in connection with similar sections