

to the righteous. This occurs three times in each of the two books. In Izziah we have chapter I devoted to the message of rebuke to the nation. There are only two or three brief touches of notes of blessing and consolation in this chapter. Practically all of the chapter is made up of God's message of rebuke. Of calling on the people to repent and to turn back to him and to point out the heinousness of their sins and the inevitability of the punishment which is to come.

Then Chapter 2 begins with the message of blessing for the Godly.

Right here it is necessary that I point out something of importance for the studying of the book of Izziah and to some extent for the studying of any part of the scripture. That is the fact that the Chapter division in the scriptures are neither inspired nor original. The Bible as written in the first place was not divided into chapters. The first divisions were made in a very early time. According to tradition the Chapter divisions were made by an English Archbishop who rode on his horse going on his pastoral calls. Sometimes when we see the pooriness of the divisions which were made it seems quite probable that this was a fact. I heard Campbell Morgan say once that in 9/10th of the cases the Chapter Divisions are in the wrong place. I think this statement is too extreme. I think however that it is an undoubted fact that very frequently the Chapter divisions are not where they ought to be in the Bible. I am not however recommending that we make a change in the Chapter Divisions. The Chapter divisions are extremely convenient. It is a wonderful thing that we can find any verse in the scripture in just a moment, if we know the reference to it. It would be very unfortunate to have a reshifting of chapter divisions even though they are sometimes entirely wrong. The important thing is however to remember that they are merely divisions for the sake of finding