

Letter 361: 28 June 1528, [Zurich], Conradus Pellicanus to Capito

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[*Summary*]: Pellicanus warns Capito not to put too much trust in Hebrew exegesis. He criticizes a passage in Capito's commentary on Hosea [see above Ep. 351; the passage is on f. 72r], in which he speaks of a return of the Jews to Palestine. He believes that this reflects Michael Cellarius' views. The passage should be interpreted metaphorically, i.e. that the Jews will recognize Jesus, and this is indeed a desiderandum. He asks Capito to take this criticism in good part. He wishes Cellarius and his wife well, but hopes he will not attribute to the Spirit what is merely human wisdom. Zwingli is too busy with lectures on Isaiah and Ezechiel and too occupied with responding to Luther's attack to read Capito's writings, but when Pellicanus brought the point about the return of the Jews to his attention, he too wondered that any Christian could interpret this literally.