

...."Since thou wast precious in my sight....bring my sons from far..." (Vv. 4-6). He is going to bring them back again, and deliver them from ~~an~~ exile. "Even every one that is called by my name....Let all the nations be gathered together..." (vv.7-9). Now here is the purpose of the servant, to carry the message of God, and to bring light to the Gentiles, to bring judgment to the nations. Bring the people, and let them be assembles. Now we are going to see who is true. Is God? Or the idols of the heathen? Who among them ~~max~~ can declare this and show us former things? Omniscience. Let them bring forth their witnesses, or let them hear and say it is true. You are my witnesses says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen. God has chosen Israel to perform the work. Does that mean every individual in Israel is going to do it? No. But it means that here is a responsibility upon the nations for the fulfillment of this responsibility of a nation that has been set apart, and a nation that has been delivered, and the nation is the instrument through which this is to be done. This is the duty of the nation, and yet the nation has fallen into sin, and gone into captivity. And so he said, You are my witnesses and my servants, ~~and myx~~ whom I have chosen. "That you may know and believe me and understand that I am he..." And so He is declaring here the power of God, His power and His existence. v.14, "Thus saith the Lord, your redeemer, ...(deliverance from Babylon) For your sake I have sent to Babbalon, and have brought down all their nables, and the Chaldeans.... I am the Lord, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King." The power of God, the deliverer. v.16 "Thus sayd the Lord, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters..." the power of God. v.17, the power of God, 18 omniscience. "Remember ye not of the former things...Behold I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth..." God's power and comfort in deliverance. "I will make a way in the wilderness, and reivers in the desert....I will give waters ~~in~~ ...to my~~xx~~ people." v.21, "This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise." The work of the servant is to be done. God's praise is to go out throughtout the world, and the light is to be brought to the Gentiles. What they are going to do, what they are not doing, why not? One of the most