

to Him, was close to Him, was cast off, and now is taken back, and if so, it seems as if Israel the nation surely would fit better than it would fit the Gentiles, wouldn't it? He says, for a small moment ~~will~~ I forsake thee but with great mercies will I gather thee. Well, that could conceivably be thought of ^{(5 1/4) the Gentiles,} ~~as the exile,~~ but it seems like a pretty long time to call a small moment. But it seems to fit the Babylonian captivity better, doesn't it? A little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment. That doesn't sound like all the thousands of the years the Gentiles were without the Word of God. And then of course He goes on with that promise that never again will they be treated this way, verse 9. I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. Now that does not say that they will not have the same situation, but the first half certainly seems to imply, this ~~is~~ as the waters of Noah unto me; for as I have sworn the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. For He has surely been wroth ~~th~~ with Israel, rebuked Israel, but has He been wroth with the church, rebuked the church too? But here it doesn't seem to fit either Israel or the church. Could fit the individual believer surely, but then only in the sense of justification, certainly not in the least in the sense of sanctification. A sense of justification would fit the believer perfectly. Then : O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted--that doesn't seem to fit the Gentile. Going ~~in~~ in forgetfulness of God in defiance of His moral law, it doesn't fit them at all. But it does fit Israel in exile. Or it might fit Jerusalem. I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. It ~~would~~ would be interesting to look up ^{some commentaries on} this passage on Galatians. Yes, in Galatians it seems quite involved, someone must have struggled with it. (stu.7 1/2) Oh, who? And what does it say about it? ...44, no man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me, draw him. I will raise him up at the last day, as it is written in the prophets, and they shall all be taught of God. Every man, therefore, that hath heard and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. Wouldn't that seem to be a ~~stat~~ statement of election (8), a statement of