

the suggestion is proving to be actually there by a development of the idea. And so we go on to vs. 15 and we read, Wherefore glorify ye the Lord in the fires even the Name of the Lord God of Israel in the isle of the sea, from the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, even glory to the righteous." Now this word "the righteous" is the singular in Hebrew. In English we have to say, "to the Righteous One." Our modern English does not use adjectives this way. They take on a plural connotation, but ^{as} in most languages the Hebrew can have it with a singular meaning. I think it would be a better translation to say, Glory to the Righteous One. Meaning of course, Glory to God. "From the uttermost parts of the earth (the sea) we hear these songs." Glorify the Lord in the fires even the Name of the Lord God of Israel in the isles of the sea. Surely the suggestion of what occurred in vs. 14 is made a ~~fact~~ reality in vs. 15. Isaiah after his long look at the misery and trouble and gloom that is ahead because of the sin of the people, sees God's wonderful purposes of Grace beyond and sees the Word of God spreading over the sea, spreading off to distant lands with the word of salvation being carried to just about every section of the earth, ^{sometime} Sometime or another in the centuries that have past since his day.

"From the uttermost parts of the earth have we heard songs, even glory to the righteous." But now we have a suggestion in this passage. In this vs. and a half I just read there was this statement of the great outreach of the Word of God, but there is a new suggestion in it contained at its very beginning! "Wherefore glorify ye the Lord in the fires." What does that mean? "Glorify the Lord in the fires." That's a strange idea isn't it. Well that's an idea that to many people doesn't seem to make much sense. The Portuguese Version translates it "glorify the Lord in the valleys". I don't know where they get the idea of valleys from it. I never found any suggestion that the Hebrew word means valleys. The RSV comes a little nearer to the original than that. It says Glorify the Lord in the East. They didn't ~~originate~~ originate that. Certain commentators have. The vs. continues "the Name of the Lord God of Israel in the isles of the sea." That would be West, so the first part ought to be East shouldn't it?