

and of good courage but what could they do about it? V. 7--"So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith but what good is in the gold-smith that--he smote with the solder, with the iron but what could they do? They are coming back to attack the ones who came upon them. Is. 40 and 53 have so many common references.

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Certain poems are said to be written and stuck in here and there with certainly there is a very definite relation here. The Greeks see Cyrus coming and they are terrified and they are running to get help. Israel is said to be her pet and not seeking and running to get help as God will take care of Israel. He does not say Israel is set apart as God's pet but as God's pattern and His instrument--His means whereby He would show His righteousness to the nations and God's means whereby He will bring His oracles--He will prepare the way for the coming of His son and so He says, 'Thou art my servant.' Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham, my son.' Israel is not called simply because God likes them but because He has a work for them to do and He will thus protect. Ch. 41:8. Ques. about the servant. V. 9 gives me of term, servant. The word Israel is not used in the verse but it in close conjunction with the verse and he is called the servant of the Lord. The God speaks of having chosen Israel as His servant to be used to accomplish His purposes. God's comfort, His deliverance is the same theme in v. 11, and v. 12 and those who injured and there. He is suggesting that God could bring them back to Palestine and that is the suggestion and it is the inference that is meant to be drawn but I think the thing He is saying is see what has been done in the past and it is an inference and we have no proof but it is a good point for us to look to although we do not know. The Israelites are promised God's comfort and God's blessing. The wonderful picture of the water and the trees which God provides is a proof of His blessings of to His people. In V. 20 there is the stress on the power and glory of God again and then they may see, know, consider and understand and gather that the hand of the Lord has done this and the Holy One of Israel has created. It seems a policy simply of abandonment and surrender to simply say there is no continuity to Isaiah and to say there are beautiful thoughts but no connection at all and it just jumps from idea to another. I think if you study it closely you will find a close connection to God and you will find a definite relationship and then to say you are going to do it but to say the thought is closely related is to say that the same theme is running right through it and it is a message addressed to the