

unreasonable but the Lord says, Here is a proof that can't be denied. The former things that I have said have come to pass. I predicted the Assyrians would not take Jerusalem, the exile to Babylon and all this came to pass. He is omniscient--that is something that that no humanbeing has and this shou'd strengthen your belief in God. Read vs. 10-13 of ch. 42. You can see the mood of the people as they think with joy of these wonderful things that God is going to do for His servant and the tendency to despair in view of how impossible all of this seems. So he says The Lord shall go forth as a might man, he shall stir up juealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies. God is going to do everything that He desires to do. God says that He is the one that is going to do it. Note v. 16. I don't think that this is speaking of deliverance specifically but ~~xxx~~ is very general--vs. 10-15. God is going to do a tremendous work and is going to accomplish great things but it doesn't say to much of what he is going to do. They simply show that God is going to show forth His mighty power but it is hard to know just with which one of His particular acts He is relating it to. What is here given is that He is going to act. Cf. v. 15--that seems to be destruction but is that for deliverance we cannot tell. But v. 16 is a mighty act which involves deliverance. He will light the darkness and straighten the crooked places. Then in v. 17 He goes bak to the discussion of images. God is pointing out here the difference to His people who should be following Him and being able to accomplish great things because of their faith in God and on the contrast--the idol worshippers who have only misery and trouble ahead of them because of the things that God was going to do. God is going to bring comfort and joy and help to His own people--to those who trust in Him and then note v. 19. Who is blind but my servant--Here is the servant Israel, whom God has called to do the work of the servant. He is to lead out those that are in the prison house--He is to bring deliverance. Who is blind but my servant. The very one that should be delivering others from their blindness is blind himself. He that should be bringing others out of the prison is in prison himself. The lord is well pleased for His righteousness sake. God is going to do His work and Israel is his servant but how can Israel do this work. She is blind and deaf. Cf. v. 22--Here we are in this situation. We are blind and deaf and in prison houses but how can we fulfill the work of the Lord's servant and