

him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him." Who among them can declare this and who will give witnesses that they will be justified and let them hear and say it is true. V. 10--"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me." There is not the question that there is one God formed before the Lord God and they made a great advance and there is the wonderful idea of monetheism. There was none before and none after --"I, even I am Jehovah----ye are my witnesses that I am God.-----none that can deliver out of my hand; I will work, and who shall ~~let~~ it?" There is His determination to go forth with the things He has said He will do. V. 17--is the way He is going to deal with the Babylonians. "Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old." He does not mean this as a rhetorical statement, v. 18--He does not want things forgotten which were done in the past and He is here pressing the fact that the past works are nothing compared to the future things that will happen. God tells us not to remember that but He has greater things for us to remember. V. 18 is taken and there might be a question mark here although there is none given here. The Authorized Version is correct in the pronunciation and God is not necessarily saying it as a command but it could be as a question. In comparison with what has been there is something much greater. "The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen." What is the general terminology--what are the things you are going to do? Is he speaking in beautiful language of the deliverance from Babylon? Wonderful things and blessings He will bring--things will happen that will utterly seem impossible. "This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise." Again in v. 22 we see the inability of Israel to fulfill the great work to which God has called her. It is specifically this or that but you cannot be sure just what it is. He doesn't mean there are going to be still greater things in the future necessarily. There needs to be evidence from another source and you can't tell just what it is. The wonderful work of the servant is going to be done and which is the jump from it? The servant of the Lord can bring His righteousness to the nations. God goes on to tell them in 23 and 24 that they have ~~not~~ not brought these things to Him. You cannot help but see the two emotions here--the love, the encouragement, the assurance that God is going to do this. You can see that one comes from one period and