

world but in the later part there is nothing like it in the Scripture. There is a constant stress on God's creative power. He created not in vain and God formed it not to be something that would accomplish nothing but that His purposes might be worked out through it. I do not think that this verse is in itself any proof and it can well be the purpose of the creation rather than the condition at any particular stage in it. Some say that He did not create it desolate, etc, but He created it perfect but then it fell due to sin. Now that may perhaps be the case--there is no Scriptural evidence that it is not the case but there is no evidence to prove it is the case. I don't think this verse proves it and it is a matter it is best to not say you know it one way or the other when you don't. Ques. The idol worshippers go down into confusion and they are destroyed. Israel is permanent and there will always be those who are outstanding. The time will eventually come when all will be recipients of salvation in Israel. There will be a time when all of Israel will be saved. You cannot take all of that out of the verse and it fits together with the matters taught elsewhere in the verses. It is an instance of the fact that he does not say that we should discuss sin and He does not go through it logically in order as it might seem to do but He does ~~have~~ discuss one and then the other. You take what is clear in each of them and then you fit them together and your picture opens up and it is made clear. Every bit of data is most vital on each of these subjects. Every data taken alone is a possibility. You have to fit the data together to get the clear and entire picture.

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V. 19--"I have not spoken in secret--in the dark place of the earth." He has declared these things through Isaiah there, and they are published and put forth for you to read and to know long in advance that Cyrus and to know that God is going to work His mighty plan. God is going to accomplish His purpose. He can see today the seed of Israel and see how it is a vital force all over the world and we can say that God declared this many centuries ago. He declared that Israel would continue. We see it has worked out that way up to the present day and though Mordecai tried to utterly destroy all the seed of Israel but in spite of it, God declares He is going to continue the Israelite nation. Man cannot destroy no matter how hard he tries and so He says "His word will go forth and will not return unto Him void" and Jacob is going to seek him and it not that God gives the call and then the people turn away and He is gone. Whom God has effectually called will seek Him. God speaks righteousness and here He continues to speak it and what He predicts will come to pass and He declares things