

Then shall all the church in the Lord be justified--there would be no sense to it. He is say here, In Israel shall all the race be justified. He means that the race or seed of Israel will continue and that there will be justification connected with some of Israel in all periods--there will be justification to all generations--there will be some that will be justified and we gather from other Scriptures that this finds complete expression not that all will be saved but there will some in every period. You might say the Word of God comes to all nations, all people, all classes--God saves some out of every class, out of every race, every people. That doesn't mean that God saves every individual. Is v. 23 a prediction of the gradual extension of God's knowledge throughout the world until every individual will bow and worship Him, but does it not mean that there is a time coming when every individual on this earth will bow before Him--I would hold that latter view. I don't think from the verse alone that you could tell. From this verse alone, there might be a gradual spread of the Gospel, but I don't think that we find that taught elsewhere in the Scripture but the other is taught that a day is coming when every knee shall bow. It doesn't say specifically that a day is coming when the mill. is coming but is now talking to the people in the exile and assuring them that Israel is not going to come to an end and the the idols will not be triumphant in the end--people from all the ends of the earth are going to be save by the mercy of God. He is the true God and there is no other. He says that you are afraid that Israel will disappear and no one will bow to God, but He says. No, the time is coming when every individual on this earth will bow to the God of Israel and every tongue will bless His names. The Lord says that they will come to me but His enemies will be brought to naught. He says that Israel so far has been coming to an end--Israel is going to continue and there will be justification for the seed of Israel at all times, in all periods and eventually there will be a time when many will turn to the Lord. Part of it has reference to the mill. but the mill. is not the subject under consideration..It is rather that it enters into the general theme, that the Kingdom of God's mercy is not ending but it is to go on and be confirmed. Ch. 46 is dealing quite specifically with the immediate situation. He has just been talking about His great power and how His power is going to be supreme and the day is coming when everyone in the earth will worship and bow down to Him. He says in contrast to that, that the gods of Babylon--Marduck --they called their god this name until shortly before the time of Isaiah, but they began to use the name Bel instead of