

What a peculiar thing it would be for Him to say? It is an unusual expression and we wonder why Israel should say this? Why should Isaiah say such a thing as this? Surely there is here a suggestion and there is nothing definite here but only that which puts in another suggestion. The fact that this has happened before this came to pass/. It is a suggestion

Here is another suggestion of the virgin birth. that fits in with another one and there is something very strange and unusual about his work and he says "he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; " and then again we are reminded of ch. 42 where we have the picture of the ideal servant and He is indeed the ideal servant. It is a pouring out of that which has been planted and he has been prepared and bound and then it is established and again it is like in ch. 42 and it is the servant of the Lord, the judge of Israel and the one who has gone forward quietly, steadily and patiently and he has tried to accomplish the work which he is setting out to do and ~~as~~ he shall not destroy nor be destroyed. He says thou art my servant of Israel and here is the servant speaking, the ideal servant, the one representing him and he says that indeed thou art my servant, Israel and yet as he says it it is the servant of Israel and let's see what Israel and he says, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain; yet surely my judgment is with the Lord, and my work with my God." This is the assurance and this is what the Lord God has said would have to be. And the servant continues to speak and yet the servant is working for Israel. It is a suggestion that fits in with another suggestion