

away from the mighty, or the lawful captives be delivered? " " But thus saith Jehovah, even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children." All flesh shall know that I am the Saviour and the Redeemer, the mighty one and the lessons I think can be written out in these different themes as we know them and these sections from 49-52. ~~will continue there.~~ The theme between ch. 48-52 you have written out so we may be able to move a little faster than in other passages. Ch. 50 begins here and we ask what is the theme of this verse? The Gentiles are going to become useful in the Kingdom of God and He gives there the reason for it. In v. 21 He says that you think that you are lost and you think you are ruined and there is not any hope and there will be so many children and then you will ask who has begotten thee? I lost my children, desolate and captive but look at all the new additions to the children of Israel and then He says that "I am going back and lift up my hand to the Gentiles and I am going to cause the nations all over the world to give help and support and assistance to the people of God." So He points forward to the days to come and He says individuals, not all nations here and he does not say all the Gentiles but there will be individuals in the leadership and they will be giving support and help to the work of the kingdom of God and He predicts those things of which there are many illustrations in the ages and kings and queens will take a part in it. They will bow down with their faces toward the earth and they will pick up the dust with their faces and it does not say all the kings will but there will be those who will and they will recognize the supremacy of God and they will know that He is the Lord and they will not be ashamed that wait for me and that is not the looking forward to the immediacy but is looking forward over a period of time and you take a group of people who will true to the heart of God and they will follow His teaching and try to do His will and over a period of time you will find in most cases they are far from being ashamed but they are actually in positions where people are looking up to them. That is the way it works out in human life--not immediately but in the future. There is spite, ridicule for Jesus and then you find in most cases in a period of time the attitude is quite reversed. John Wesley is an interesting example of that. He met all sorts of opposition but he kept steadily at it and day after day, month after month and year and year and the Lord permitted him a long life of service at the end and at the end of his life he remarked on what a great change had taken place in the attitude of the people of England toward him. There were many who did not accept